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## World leaders pledge to combat terror



US President Bill Clinton holds hands with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak yesterday, as leaders posed for a group picture at the end of the Peacekeepers' Summit. To Mubarak's left are Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. (Review)

## PM meets with heads of Gulf Arab states

Asks Yemen to send remains of Jewish poet to Israel

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres yesterday asked Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani to investigate the possibility of bringing the remains of 17th century Jewish poet Shalom Shabazi to Israel for reburial.

Peres said the unprecedented presence of 13 Arab leaders at a summit that essentially underscored support for Israel prompted him to make his request of Iryani, at the first public meeting between Israeli and Yemeni officials.

"In my talk with the foreign minister of

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

Yemen, I even asked him to check the possibility to bring Shabazi's remains to Israel," he told Israeli reporters.

Iryani is familiar with the poetry of Shabazi, whose tomb in Taiz is revered by Moslems. "He quoted a poem of Sbabazi's about fruit

and coffee," Peres said. Peres did not say how Iryani responded to

Meanwhile, Israeli officials himted that Bahraini Crown Prince Sbeikh Hamad bin al-Khalifa yesterday invited Peres to visit his country. One predicted that Bahrain would follow Qatar and Oman in establishing a modicum of hilateral ties.

Speaking to reporters on the plane to Sinai vesterday. Peres said he had not yet decided whether to accept an invitation from Qatar

and Oman to visit at the end of this mooth.

### Mideast heads must be the real peacemakers

### COMMENT

BARRY RUBIN

AT the end of the day, the Sharm e-Sheikh international summit was a symbolic affair. It was a good sign - but one with little material significance - of broad support for Israel and the peace process, as well as opposition to regional terrorism on a scale unthinkable a few years ago.

The conference was also a frustrating, even diversionary, media event yielding little that could not have been attainable without its coovening. It also demonstrated the limits to consensus over the very practical, immediate problems facing the peace process. As so often happens, leaders are likely to conclude they bave met their obligation to peacemaking by speechmaking.

The meeting's anomalies illustrate these issues very well. One was President Bill Clinton's absurd invitation to Syria, whose backing for terror in everything but open propaganda rivals that of Iran. The president's statement that one should not read too much into Syria's tefusal to come and that he still believes Damascus is eager to make peace with Israel shows real weaknesses in

his Middle East policy. A second factor was the timidity about naming terrorists and their sponsors. Prime Minister Shimon Peres spoke well and forcefully about the problem's source, though perhaps giving Teheran too much credit than other guilty parties. But almost everyone else was happy with

vague formulatinas. But the most important question is whether anything will actually be done to fight terrorism. After all, the threat we face is more often one of political will than high-tecb measures, If Yasser Arafat had arrested 29 leaders of Hamas's terrorist network earlier, 29 world leaders would not have had to fly many

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## capital of terror

Peres: Teheran is

SHARM E-SHEIKH

WORLD leaders, including the representatives of a dozen Arab states, yesterday condemned terrorism against Isracl and pledged cooperation in implementing specific measures to fight terror.

There was hope last night that genuine momentum was created during yesterday's four-hour 'Summit of the Peacemakers' in Sharm e-Sheikh attended by 29 countries.

In a fioal communique, the conference called for ensuring terrorists are brought to justice and countries do not allow them to use their soil as a springboard for attacks. The participants also called to cut off funds, arms, and other equipment for terrorists.

Text of declaration, speeches, Page 4

Specific anti-terror measures were deferred to a working group, which is to meet within two weeks, US official say. Couoterterror experts from a variety of countries will discuss fresh cooperative efforts against terror and present their findings to the conference participants within a

The cooference fell sbort of singling out Iran as the backer of international terror and did not institutionalize intelligence cooperation between Middle East countries. Foreign Minister Ehud Barak called for the establishment of a 'Middle East

An Israeli official said the Palestiniaos have uncovered some leads oo how Iran is lauodering funds, and noted that locating

At a joiot press conference with co-host Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after the summit, President Bill Clinton declared, "I will go to Israel with a clear message that Israel is not alone. Now throughout the region as well as the world, there are peacemakers who stand together against terror, for security, and fot the cause of peace. The meeting today and the statements which were made in public hy the leaders who were here today would bave been unthinkable just

a short while ago." Prime Minister Sbimon Peres repeatedly lauded Clinton as a 'great friend of Israel' who has

always made himself available in difficult times.

While concrete aspects of fighting terror were deferred, an official in the Prime Minister's Office echoed the hope of many that an unmistakable signal has been sent. We see this conference ... as shaping a new mind-set in the Middle East that terror against Israel is not only unacceptable,

We think from Sharm e-Sheikh this message will be sent to a variety of audiences in the Arab world, ranging from Arab government hureaucracies which we need if this fight is to be real, the Arab clergy, and Arab public opinion," he added.

Arab countries sent either their leaders or foreign ministers to the conference, with the exceptions of Syria and Lebanon, which chose not to come, while Iraq, Sudan, and Libya were oot invited.

Other officials say the conference gave Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat the international imprimatur necessary for taking tough measures against Hamas. In his remarks, Arafat declared, "We are confronting and will continue to confront terrorism and to uproot it from our land, because our dream of freedom, independence, and self-determinatioo cannot bear fruit and be realized amid a sea of blood and tears, but by perseverance in confronting this terrorism and these extremist and dangerous wings of Hamas and the [Islamic] Jihad."

In a private meeting between Clinton and Arafat, the PLO leader noted that he had seatched or taken over 85 mosques in Palestinian territories where terroring to US special coordinator for the Middle East Dennis Ross.

However, for all the hope and the optimism, the summit did not not single out Iran or any other country as being a sponsor of terrorism, despite such a call by Peres yesterday. British Prime Minister John Major was the only other speaker to liok Iran to terrorism.

"The terrorism is oot anonymous," Peres said, "it has a name, it has an address. It has bank accounts, it has an infrastructure, it has networks camouflaged as charity organizations. It is spearheaded by a country -

Iran. The Iranian people are not (Continued on Page 9)

#### Peres: Closure will continue Move clocks ahead tonight! JON IMMANUEL and news agencies



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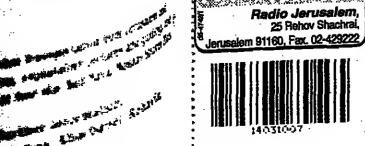
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THE IDF allowed a convoy of does, too. This time, we want him food trucks into the Gaza Strip and eased other restrictions yesterday, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he would keep the borders closed until those responsible for the suicide bombings are

Peres told reporters be would not end the overall closure which bars Palestinians from travel and trade with Iarael until Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat puts all those responsible for terrorist attacks in jail.

"I don't think the time has come to ease up on our demands, because past experience shows that when we ease up, be [Arafat]

to go all the way," Peres said.

Peres and Foreign Minister Ebud Barak said yesterday they are considering deporting Palestinians with ties in suicide bombers in hopes of deterring future violence. These could include male relatives of suicide

"Whatever we can do to stop terrorism, we will do," Barak

Barak, accusing Arafat of not doing enough to crush Moslem militants, said that Israel's pullout from Hebron is likely to be

"I don't see it happening in two

weeks, unless there is a real change in the way Arafat fights tertorism," he said outside the conference room where world leaders were holding the anti-ter-

The army is scheduled to withdraw from Hebron, except for sections of the city where settlers live, on March 28.

The IDF eased the closure at Gaza's Karni terminal, granting permission for 35 truckloads of supplies to be brought in. However, only 12 truckloads of flour and rice arrived. Another 40 trucks will be permitted to unload at Karni today.

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### Gunman kills 16 children in Scotland

DUNBLANE, Scotland (Reuter) - A man with four guns shot dead 16 children aged five and six and a woman teacher yesterday in a "slaughter of the innocents" at a Scottish school before turning a gun on himself. Thomas Hamilton burst into a physical education

class in the gymnasium of Dunblane Primary School, opening fire on the children and their teacher. Fifteen children were killed in the gymnasium and one died later in the bospital, police said. It was the worst sbooting massacre in British bistory. Hamilton, 43, was a bacbelor who lived in

the oearby town of Stirling, police said. Hamilton was a former Boy Scouts leader who had been asked to resign in 1974 after allegations of improper behavior, Britain's Press Association oews agency said. One local council official said be had been accused of taking photographs of semi-naked boys. Neighbors said be had a fascination with guns. "It was a random attack," a police spokesman told reporters. "I know he was known in the area."

News reports said Hamilton began by trying to

take the children hostage. It appeared be then methodically shot almost every child in the class of 29 before killing himself with one of four bandguns he carried. Seven children and two adults are still in the hospital. Police said three of the children were in critical condition.

rorism summit.

"The school teacher is dead and of the five-yearolds, there's not many of them left," Scotland's Chief Constable William Wilson told a news conference. Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister John Major sent horrified condolences. Many Scottisb politicians were close to tears as they expressed their shock in parliament and on television.

Major, in Egypt for the anti-terrorism conference, said he was horrified by the news. "My heart goes out to the parents, families, and teachers of those who were killed and injured," said Major, a father

"No words can express the shock and sorrow brought about by this mad and evil act. It is beyond helief that so many young lives can have been so brutally ended in this way.

thousands of miles.

Some of those countries -France, Germany, and Russia in

### Clinton starts solidarity visit in Jerusalem

**BATSHEVA TSUR** 

solidarity visit to Israel last night by meeting with President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.

"We must not let the acts of the wicked few destroy the dreams of the many ... Those who pracoce terror must not succeed," Clinton said in an arrival speech at Ben-

Clinton, who arrived at Beit Hanassi accompanied by Peres at 9:30 p.m., spent an hour briefing "I am here once again to ex-

press solidarity for the people nf Israel, to express our grief at the loss of life, and to attempt to restore your security," Clinton declared when he emerged from the meeting with Weizman.

"The show of solidarity for Israel and against terror is very important ... We thank you for the keenness of your interest," Weizman told Clinton.

Weizman stayed away from the airport ceremony, amid reports

US President Bill Clinton began a he was aggered that the formal welcoming had not been held in Jerusalem

"The president of the US met me in the home of the Israeli president and in the capital of Israel,' Weizman declared to the media.

Clinton preferred to skirt the issue of Jerusalem, but when pressed by a reporter replied: My feeling is that ever since the Israelis and Palestinians agreed it would be part of the final process ... we should support that because we are partners in that process."

"It was not a state visit," said presidential bureau chief Arye Shumer. "So [Weizman] did not have to welcome the US president at the airport."

He added that the telephone exchange had been "jammed" with calls of support for Weizman's stand.

Clinton will bave a full schedule in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv today before leaving this evening. (Related stories, Page 2)

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## Olmert partially backs down on Clinton's visit

DAN IZENBERG AND BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert backed down on his threat not to help in the preparations for President Bill Clinton's visit, but stuck to his boycon of today's meeting hetweeo Cliotan and 1,200 schoolchildreo in Tel Aviv.

The han on official Jerusalem school participation at the event remained intact, because the government and Clintoo did not agreed to Olmert's demand that the US president make a memorial stop in Jerusalem, and not just in Tel Aviv, municipal spokesman Hagai Elias said.

Jerusalem was the main focus of the terrorist attacks and the government should have insisted that Clinton meet with people in the city, Elias said.

"The Beit Hinuch School loss four graduates io the attacks," Elias said. "Couldn't he have visited the school? Why doesn't he visit one of the monuments set up in memory of the victims?"

The US Emhassy issued a statement saying Clinton decided not to visit hospitals and the site of one of the terrorist attacks in Jerusalem on the advice of Israeli security officials.

"The president was persuaded by Israeli government officials that security concerns would make these [visits] impossible," said the embassy communique.

Five pupils from Jerusalem's Experimental High School, which was slated to send papils to Tel Aviv today, wrote to Clinton. asking him to intercede with the municipality, Sixty Jerusalem pupils were supposed to attend the Tel Aviv gathering.

"We are shocked by the arbitrary decision of the mayor of Jerusalem ... to deprive us of our rights to participate in your meeting with Israeli students from all over the country," the pupils

One of the pupils, labal Nadra. 16, said the pupils tried to get Olmert's decision repealed, but were sent from one official to another until someone at the Foreign Ministry told them their places at the gathering had been taken by pupils from other parts of the country.

The students wrote in their letter to Clinton that "our absence at the meeting with you has been imposed on us for no good reason in cynical manipulation. We are with you and we want to show it."

Elias said the Jerusalem high school pupils were invited to an official gathering, and therefore the municipality had the right to har them from attending. He said the decision oot to allow students to attend came 15 minutes after the request to send them was

Meanwhile, municipal sources said that late Tuesday night Olmert gave the go-ahead for municipal crews to help in the preparations for Clinton's visit, after the Prime Minister's Office and police consulted with the city about traffic arrangements during Clinton's stay.

Olmert had threatened not to help - in particular to refrain from hanging US flags through-out the city and not aid police in informing residents about road closures during the visit - on the grounds that the city was not involved in the decision of which roads would be closed and when.

The sources said the police agreed to close streets for less time than during previous visits. But police sources denied this. saying the only changes in closing times were made hecause of changes in Clinton's schedule.

Many commuters left Jerusalem early yesterday afternoon to avoid the road closures. By about 3:00 p.m., several hours before Clinton's arrival, traffic jams were reported at the western exit of the city.

Also in the afternoon, hondreds of policemen and soldiers hegan spreading out along the highway between Beo-Gurion Airport and the capital in anticipation of the presidential motorcade.

Some 10,000 policemen are taking part in "Operation Song 4," the code name for the plan to secure Clinton's visit in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.



President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Shimon Peres inspect the honor guard at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday.

### 'City that never stops' to halt for Clinton

TEL AVIVIANS' lives are likely to be disrupted this afternoon with the arrival of US President Bill Clinton, as police cordon off main streets and ban parking in areas near the performing arts center, where he will participate in a memorial service with high school students. However, police chief Cundr. Gabi Last stressed the city will in no

way be under siege, nor come to a standstill.

Until noon, life in the city center will be normal and people can drive to work and around town freely." Last told journalists yesterday. Some 2,700 policemen will be deployed for Clinton's first visit to Tel Aviv, said Last. Additional security forces will be on maximum alert, scouring streets and rooftops for suspicious objects and people. Previous plans that Clinton would visit Kikar Rabin and Dizengoff

Center were canceled for security reasons. Last refused to confirm whether warnings of terror attacks had been received, but sources said constant warnings by "various elements" are being taken seriously.

All vehicles, including mopeds and hicycles, parked on Scient Shaul Hamelech, Rehov Kaplan, Derech Petah Tikva, Leonardo da Vinci and Berkovitch Streets will be towed away from 7 a.m. Parking lots in

the area will also be closed.

At noon, Shaul Hamelech will be sealed off to traffic. At 1 p.m. Kaplan, Leonardo da Vinci and Berkovitch streets will be closed off. At the same time, drivers will be banned from using Shefa Tal and Arvei Hanahal streets connecting Ramat Gan to Tel Aviv.

At the time of Clinton's visit, at around 3:30, Shaul Hamelech will be closed to pedestrians.

Traffic police head Supt. Ofer Shuster stressed that the public should listen to the radio for any last-minute changes in schedule. He also urged the public to use public transport and to avoid driving in the city until around 5 p.m.

Motorists wishing to arrive from northern suburbs should use Sderot Rokach and Ibn Givrol streets and then Hayarkon Street, said Shuster. Traffic police will direct drivers throughout the day.

Starting at 1:30, Derech Petah Tikva between Arlosorov and Hahashmonaim streets will be opened and closed intermittently, depending on Clinton's schedule. At the same time, the Ayalon Highway from the Halacha Junction southwards to Ben-Gurion Airport will be closed. to traffic until around 5.

### Conference fatigue takes its toll

SHARM E-SHEIKH (Reuter) -HEADS slumped forward, yawns stifled, the peacemakers found conference fatigue just as hard to tackle as the threat of violence to Middle East stability.

In a luxury tourist hotel beside the glistening Red Sea, world leaders sat through a three-hour session of 28 speeches and countless condemnations of terrorism. Asked how he stayed awake US President Bill Clinton said: "I

worked at it'. He flew in overnight on an 11hour flight from Washington to this Egyptian resort to co-host the hastily arranged conference billed as "The Summit of

Peacemakers." US Secretary of State Watten Christopher's head drooped, an-

other victim of a long Higher Russian President Bons Yeltsin and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat stated glassy-eyed, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres looked close to nodding off.

"It's a shame they didn't leave themselves time to relax here," said a European diplomat looking out over the placid Red Sea bay, where security frogmen in dinghies were virtually the only sign of life in waters usually teeming with bathers.

But the holiday atmosphere took away some of the sense of urgency from the summit.

Tourists in bikinis wandered past Gulf Arab delegations in traditional flowing white robes and package groups played bingo on Tuesday night outside the building where Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met Arafat to prepare for the summit.

The two men had a choice of venue - the Sharks Room or the Barracuda Bar.

Peres, seizing the chance for bilateral meetings before the start of the conference, shuttled between the hotel's whitewashed villa apartments as bemused officials traipsed across flower beds to keep up with his busy agenda.

### Hamas repeats threat of more bombings

not called a truce in its bombing campaign against Israel and will continue it "until the liberation of our land," its representative here said yesterday at the "Islamic National Conference to confront the Terrorism Summit" held in a Beirut hotel.

"Our four latest attacks in the homeland did not come as part of a political scenario, but rather in the context of a strategy aimed at continuing the struggle until the liberation of our land," Moustapha Liddawi, Hamas's representative in Lebanon, said.

"Our dignity and our pride is in those corpses which are ripped apart like exploding hombs throughout our land, and we will continue on this road," he said.

"There is no such truce and we did not and will not hand over our arms to the Zionist enemy or the Palestinian Authority," he said.

About 100 Lebanese Moslem clerics, Hizbullah parliamentary deputies, and Lebanese political party officials attended the conference.

Libya also reiterated its opposition to the anti-terrorism summit held in Sharm e-Sheikh

"Algeria's and Tunisia's participation at this conference constitutes a shock for the Arab Nation, particularly that this conference will reinforce the Israelis' protection and guarantees their security," the official Libyan news agency JANA said.

But in a separate comment received in Tunis, JANA praised Egypt for trying to focus the summit on strengthening the Middle East peace process instead of conceotrating on "antiterrorism."

In Gaza, Hamas justified its armed attacks against Israel and appealed to the anti-terrorism summit to end the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands.

"We call upon you to adopt your past stands of demanding the withdrawal of Israeli occupa-1100 forces, to stop all features of occupation immediately and to open the door for the Palestinian penple to exercise their right to self-determination," Hamas said in a statement addressed to the summit. Hamas said its policy is not to attack individuals or interests or to carry out strikes outside Israeli-controlled areas.

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### **EDUARDA TINA ISHAI**

daughter of the late Shimon and Regina Kleiner

The funeral will take place on March 14, 1996, at the Kfar Shmaryahu Cemetery, leaving from the Ishai residence at 30 Derech Haganim, Kfar Shmaryahu at 4 p.m.

The Bereaved Family

### Hamas: Religion, resentment, revenge

had gunmen wanted hy Israel.

Not everybody in Hamas sup-

ports violence, but Hamas cannot

afford to condemn violence for-

mally, because it sees itself as the

purest expression of Islamic

splits, and if it splits it is like

splitting the Moslem Brother-

hood from which it developed.

Even Imad Falouji, who left Ha-

mas to run for the Palestinian

Council on a Fatah ticket in Janu-

ary, refuses to condemn the

bomhings. "They are sad, but Is-

rael is to hlame for not withdraw-

ing from Palestinian territory,"

Attacks on Israelis inside Isra-

el, sanctified by suicidal "martyr-

dom," were a safety valve. They

expressed practical opposition to

Palestinian-Israel peace, weak-

ened Arafat without retribution,

weakened Israel and the peace

process, and made Hamas a polit-

Its support actually dwindled in

the six months of no noteworthy

attacks. Today, following the Pal-

estinian elections, Hamas's clear

political interest - given its dwin-

dling support - is to influence the

Palestinian Authority from with-

in, at least until the talks on n

final settlement reach their deci-

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**MIDEAST** 

struggle in Palestine.

FOR six months, there were no successful Hamas suicide attacks against Israelis and it seemed the Palestinian Authority had indeed made an arrangement with Ha-

mas which reduced attacks. The situation was comfortable for Israel and for the Palestinian Authority but not, it seems, for Hamas. Since the latest terror spree showed that this arrangement failed, what went wrong?

The answer given by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat is that Israel killed the person most responsihle for the previous wave of terror, Yihye Ayyash, and so Hamas no longer felt bound hy the arrangement.

Whether Arafat allowed Ayyash his freedom, coordinated the assassination with Israel, or did not know he was in Gaza, poiots to a flaw in the Washingtoo handshake which launched the peace process. For the sake of peace with Hamas Arafat - who described Ayyash's bomhings as "criminal" and "terrorist" - ended up calling him "a holy maras though Israeli lives were of no consequence, and eocouraged others to see him as a role

Polls taken in 1995 showed that more than 30% supported Ayyash's suicide hombings, roughly the percentage which has consistently opposed the Oslo accords. Most of that 30% support Hamas.

Witnout Hamas's ideological hacking, Ayyash, like Fathi Shkaki, the Islamic Jihad leader, might have been assassinated as a terrorist with the same lack of regret which Arafat displayed after Shkaki's death, or after his police shot dead two Islamic Ji-

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particular, whose leaders verbally

pounded on the evildoers - are

campaigning to repeal the embar-

go against Iraq or trying to sell everything possible to Iran. Thus,

one man's terrorist is another

man's trading partner. It will be

interesting to see what serious

proposals, if any, are contained

in the summit's working paper -

promised for April - oot to men-

tion whether anyone pays atten-

Ironically, the greatest hope

from the meeting will be those for

whom terrorism is not just some

abstraction. For the 13 Arab

non to them.

COMMENT tine, its own armed wing defines it as a political movement. JON IMMANUEL

A poll taken by the Palestinian Jerusalem Media and Communications Center last week showed only 5% supported all the latest four bombings, much less than support Hamas and other opposition groups. Did this mean most Hamas supporters were morally against violence? No. since 15% "understood the reason" for the bombings and 15% "refused to If it condemns violence, it answer," so only 65% opposed

the attacks without reservations. Arafat must work on those 30% who are apparently wavering. Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he had crossed the Ruhicon hy arresting 12 on Israel's 30 most wanted list. But even if he arrests them all and keeps them in jail until the next century, others will take their place if the "mood" is right and the aura of martyrdom surrounding these attacks remains an attraction. Arafat will not have crossed his Rubicon until he reacts to attacks on Israelis as though they are attacks on the

Palestinian people itself. Arafat may have begun the process yesterday at Sharm e-Sheikh hy going beyond condemnation of anonymous terrorism to naming Hamas and Islamic Jihad,

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Hamas planned to overthrow Arafat

The Palestinian Police has seized documents indicating Hamas planned to overthrow Yasser Arafat. "We found documents -[which] give us evidence that Hamas was planning to be a substitute for the Palestinian Authority and to sabotage peace,"

Court blocks big settler demo

THE High Court of Justice yesterday refused to allow the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria to hold a large demonstration during US President Bill Clinton's visit to Jerusalem last night. The court accepted that the police did not have the manpower to handle a large demonstration and the council decided not to hold any protest, as even a small one would have to be far away. · Evelyn Gordon

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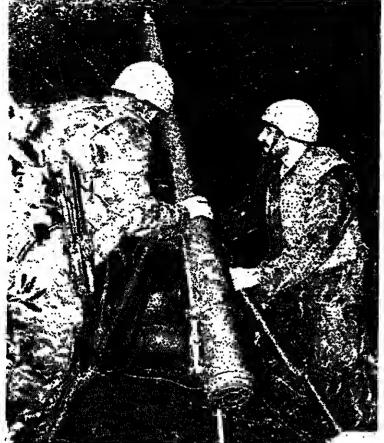
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Hizbullah gunmen prepare to fire a Katyusha rocket yesterday at the security zone from a fortified post in south Lebanon's

### Bomber's family asks state for welfare aid

LIAT COLLINS

READING from a form request- for a year." ing welfare benefits for the family of a suicide bomber, Internal Security Mioister Moshe Shahal yesterday gave the Knesset plenum an insight into the thinking of terrorisl groups.

The request for mooey was made from the Islamic Rescue Committee, registered in Israel as a con-profit organization, opcrating from Nazareth. Il apparently acts as a cover to raise funds abroad for Hamas. Committee head Suleiman Ikhbariya, ao Umm el-Fahm resideot, was receotly arrested.

The beoefit request was submitted by the mother of Iman Atalalla. Under circumstances of death is listed: "Died: September

Place: Gaza; Circumstances of in-The terrorist was single, aged 20,

and one of a family of nine. The field report submitted with the form noted: "An inquiry revealed the victim's family has fund, which approved the benefit many children and is poor. The victim was one of the members of Izzadin Kassam, the Hamas military wiog, who sacrificed their lives for their religion and homeland. Therefore we recommend aid amounting to \$150 a month Lagsa; and a US group.

Under a clause on "special circumstances" the report notes that Atalalla was "polite and moral," "fasted Mondays and Thursday. prayed and read Koran."

According to the report, on the day of the eveot he prepared the vehicle "and wheo his prey approached he switched oo the ignition, stuck close to the eoemy's vehicle and operated the explosives, which sent a male and female soldier to bell, praise be the Lord, The shabid [martyr] went to Paradise, God willing.

"The shahid carried out the suicide mission having fasted. It is said the shahid saw in a dream the shahid Zachari el-Shorbeji, who invited him to eat together."

The report mentions that both the mother and the sister of the cident: suicide mission il booby. suicide bomber saw him prepar-trapped car." ing a feast in a dream.

The request form notes he had been injured three times before and had been wanted by Israel for request, operates as a front for Hamas and has received fuods from foreign groups, including The Palestine and Lebanoo Relief Fund; a group operating from Britain; a German group called

### **Court hears petitions** of 7 terrorists' families

THE High Court of Instice yesterday finished hearing seven petitions by terrorists' families said, the difference is that the against the demolition of their entire country denounced Amir's houses, and is expected to issue a act, and there do not appear to be decision within the next few days.

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An eighth petition, by the uncle of Ythye ("The Engineer") Ayyash, was withdrawn yesterday after the state insisted it be filed by Ayyash's immediate family; i.e. his wife. The court agreed, but attorney Lea Tsemel did oot think Ayyash's wife would be willing to submit a petition and withdrew it.

The court heard petitions by the family of Majid Abu Warda, who committed the first bus No. \$ 18 bombing io Jerusalem two weeks ago, and the family of Ibrahim Sarahna, who committed the Ashkeloo suicide attack the

tion by the family of Abed Dudin, who recruited the anicide bomber who blew up hus No. 26 in Jerusalem in August.

With regard to Sarahna, attorney Badera Khoury argued that his mother is ill with heart problems, and lives with two sons who are also ill. None deserves to lose their home because of Sarahna,

"But what remains of the deterrent if someone like this knows that the worst that can happen [to his family] is that his room of the house will be sealed up?" demanded Justice Gavriel Bach.

"Someooe who does something like this isn't thinking about his family, he isn't thinking about anyone," retorted Khoury.

Government attorney Yochi Genessin said the situation makes strong deterrent measures

Khoury also charged a double standard, noting that Yigal Amir's house was not destroyed in late 1994.

after he killed prime minister Yitzhak Rahin. However, Bach people lining up to follow in his footsteps, In contrast, he said, the suicide bombers are heros to large portions of the Arab population in the territories.

With regard to Dudin, Khoury argued that the house in question was oot his; he had simply beeo renting it from his hrother. However, the justices appeared skeptical, noting that his brother had ignored the fact that the rent was not paid for years at a time, and that the contract was long-term, for 10 years.

The Abu Warda family, meanwhile, submitted a oovel request. If the court rejects their petition, they said, they want to be allowed to destroy their own home, instead of the army demotishing it.

Genessin objected strenuously to this idea, saying part of the deterrent effect of the demolition is for all the neighbors to see IDF troops destroying the home. However, Justices Bach. Dalia Dorner, aod Mishael Cheshin seemed open to the idea.

Earlier this week, the court heard four other petitions: one from the family of the bus No. 26 homher, Sufiyao Jabarin; ooe from the family of Lahib Azem of Kafr Karyut, who committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing in July; one from the family of Muhidin Sharif of Beit Hanina, who gave Jahario the explosives for his attack; and one from the family of lman Seedar of Abu Dis, who recruited the terrorists responsible for the shooting attack in Jerusalem's Nahalat Shiva oeighborhood and the suicide bombing opposite the Jerusalem International Cooveotioo Center, both

## IDF kills four Hizbullah gunmen

Bombardments on IDF and SLA seen as defiant reaction to summit

AT least four Hizbullah gunmeo have been killed by IDF troops in the past 48 hours - two of them north of the security zone, the tDF Spokesman said yesterday.

The other two were killed during fierce exchanges yesterday. when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire at IDF and South Lebanese Army positions along the length of the security zone.

The Hizhullah barrage began around 6:30 a.m. The timing of the hombardments, the most

viewed as a gesture of defiance by the Iranian-backed terror organizatinn against yesterday's Sharm e-Sheikh ann-terror summit.

Military sources said Hizbutlah gunmen once again breached Operation Accountability understandings by using homes and public huildings in villages north of the zone as cover.

In one case gunmen were spotted firing a mortar from the roof of a school in the Nabatiya area, **DAVID RUDGE** 

north of the zone. Army sources said the 1DF made every effort to hit nnty the terrorists and avoid harming civilians. Nevertheless, Lebanese radio stations reported that two civilians had been wounded in Ronmaoe village and another two in Toulin village, both in the Nabatiya region.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah gunmen fired scores of

mortar rounds, Katyusha rockets, Sagger anti-tank missiles,

and RPGs at IDF and SLA posts from the coast to the foothills of Mt. Hermon in the east. There were no IDF or SLA casualties, however. The IDF Spokesman said at least two Hizbullah gunmen were

killed and several others wounded as a result of IDF fire. The spokesman said the other

two Hizbullah gunmen were killed on Monday during an initi-

ated activity in the Jab't Rafiah regioo north of the zone.

Meanwhile, Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon and Syria staged a general strike yesterday to protest against the anti-terror summit and the crackdowo oo Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the territories.

Reports from Lebanon said Hizhullah's attacks yesterday may have been aimed more at undermining activities by the ri-val Amal Shi'ite movement.

### Opposition moves Golan bills forward – to dead end

THE opposition yesterday passed in preliminary reading three bills aimed at preventing territorial concessions oo the Golan Heights nr Jerusalem without a special

However, the victory was an empty one, as the bills cannot be carried over ioto the next The three bills were submitted

hy Uzi Landau (Likud), Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party), and Avigdor Kahalani and Emmanuel Zissman (Third Way).

Landau's hill called for a special Knesset majority of 80 MKs to endorse coocessions on the Golan Heights; Levy's, 70; and the Third Way's bill demands the approval of 60 MKs or 50 percent of all eligible voters in a public referendum for concessions on the Golan or Jerusalem.

Although the pleoum was nearly empty for the debates,

some 70 MKs showed up to vote. The bills passed by a majority of two votes, despite attempts by coalitico chairmao Ra'anan Coheo to muster more of his MKs to

Wheo Kahalani aod Zissmao first raised the hill last summer there was a massive turnout for the vote.

The bill failed when Deputy

Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb (theo Yi'ud, now Atid) refused to

lo his speech. Laodau compared Prime Mioister Shimoo Peres to a compulsive gamhler in his approach to the peace

Kahalani noted that Gamla had been more important than Massada and had fallen three years before Jerusalem.

He said a coin found at Gamla

Mounia Belarbi - Algeria Writer and Journalist of TV 5

Sophie Bessis - Thnisia Author and Journalist

had been inscribed "the struggle for Gamla is to preserve Jerusalem."

"The person who orders the withdrawal from the Golan Heights will be the one who in the future harms Jerusalem." Kaha-

lani said. Justice Minister David Liba'i, respooding for the government, called the bills "undemocratic" for permitting a minority of MKs to block political moves.

# A CALL FOR PEACE

## Commitment by Jews and Arabs Throughout the **World to Support Peace and Fight Terrorism**

Intellectuals and artists, Jewish and Arabs, from all over the world met in Tel Aviv at the invitation of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East to promote the establishment of peace centers in all Arab countries, and have issued an appeal to the Israeli and Palestinian peoples:

In order to put an end to the atmosphere of terror resulting from actions of Hamas and extremists on all sides, we feel it essential that the peace process be accelerated and become irreversible:

To uproot the danger of terrorism through the combined efforts of the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. To remove all references to the destruction of the State of Israel from the Palestinian Covenant.

To quickly transfer areas and power to the Palestinians in accordance with the agreements.

On our side, we must embrace a policy which will extricate the Israeli people from its current "siege mentality" and allow it to better appreciate the forces for peace existing in the Arab world. In this spirit, we welcome the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Arab states and call for the strengthening of these ties.

We dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace, to the encouragement of mutual understanding between Arabs and Jews, and to the promotion of cultural ties and academic and economic contacts.

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### Clinton: We will win the battle for peace

President Bill Clinton's speech at

FROM all around the world we have come to the Sinai to deliver one simple, unified message. Peace will prevail. This summit is unprecedented in the history of the Middle East. It would have been inconceivable just a few short years ago. It stands as proof and promise that this region has changed for

Leaders from Israel and the Arab world, from Europe, from Asia, from North America. Twenty-nine of us, shoulder to shoulder, joined in support of peace. We have gathered before to celebrate new milestones in our journey. Today we join in common defense against those who would turn us back. We are here because we know what is at

In the 18 years since Egypt and Israel made a miracle at Camp David, Israelis and Arabs have changed the course of history in their lands. Step by step, courageously they have broken with the past, laying down the arms of war and opening their arms to one another.

But with every milestone passed along the road of peace and progress, the enemies of peace have grown more desperate and more depraved. They know they cannot compete in the marketplace of ideas. They know they have nothing to offer but hardship and despair. And so they resort to murderous attacks that are an affront to the civilized world and to the moral precepts that lie at the core of the three faiths represented here.

As President Mubarak has so eloquently stated, in the busy streets of Jerusalem, Ashkelon, and Tel Aviv, suicide bombers launched a wave of terror to kill as many Israelis as possible. Ordinary men and women riding the bus to work, families shopping for the holidays, innocent children in their Purim costumes, murdered for the blood in their

Our hearts go out to the people of

Israel and to all the victims of these atrocities, which include also Palestinians and Americans. Many of the nations here today have experienced the nightmare of terror. Death is not discriminated among the terrorist victims. Over the last two weeks, as I have said, losses were felt not only in Israeli, but also in Palestinian, American, and Moroccan homes.

The hard-won achievements of the Palestinian people are under direct assault. The merchants of terror would sell out their future and trade their dreams for despair, and Arab mothers and fathers who seek a better life for their children understand the enemies of peace have targeted them as well.

Let no one underestimate the significance of our gathering here today. Today the wall of division we face is not really between Arab and Israeli. It is instead between those who reach for a hetter tomorrow and those who rail against it, between those who traffic in hate and terror and those who work for peace. To the forces of hatred and violence I say, and let us all say, you kill yourselves and others in the aim of killing peace.

Yet today, as you see, peace survives. In peace we'll grow stronger. You will not succeed. Your day has passed. You have plowed the fields of hatred, but here we are, coming to reach unity and new strength to defeat you and to keep the promise and hope of peace alive.

We here who have gathered in Egypt today are committed to the search for peace. Our very presence here underscores the depth of our dedication. But words and symbols are not enough. The world looks to us now for action, and we must direct our collective resolve in three

First, we must be clear in our condemnation of those who resort to terror. Violence has no place in the future we all seek for the Middle

Second, we must reinforce our common search for a comprehen-

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until the circle of peace is closed. And we must work to bring the benefits of peace to the daily lives of the people here, for if people lose their hope in peace, the terrorists will have succeeded. This would be the cruelest victory of all, and we must not let it happen.

Third, we must actively counter the terrorists with all the means at our command, combining our efforts tangibly and joining our strength to defeat their evil aims. Chairman Arafat and the Palestinian Authority are responding to that challenge. Each of us here must do our part to help them succeed in their mission. We know we cannot guarantee 100 percent success, but all of us must demand of each other and ourselves 100 per-

The danger we face is urgent. The challenge is clear. But the solidarity of the peacemakers will conquer the forces of division, if we

will resolve to keep that solidarity. We stand today as one not far from the mountain where God gave the word to Moses, the law of bumanity, tolerance, and faith that guides our way today. We are the heirs of that moral legacy, whether we be Moslem or Jew or Christian. From many lands and many different traditions we come today, all speaking the language of peace.

In the Bible, we are told that when they were grown, Isaac, the patriarch of the Jews and Ishmail, the patriarch of the Arabs, met but once. They came together at the death of Abraham, the father they shared, the father of both peoples.

Today, the descendants of Isaac and Ishmail have joined together in a spirit of rebirth, to secure the shared promise of a life of peace for all the peoples of this region. Those of us who come here today to stand with them must not allow the forces of the past to deny them the future they seek, that we all seek.

Let our charge go forth from the Sinai today. We will win the battle for peace. Thank you



Prime Minister Shimon Peres is greeted by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on his arrival at

### Peres: We shall do all it takes to defeat terrorism

Prime Minister Shimon Peres's killed. speech at the summit:

I WANTED to speak in the name of my people who desire peace. But today, and here, I must first speak in pain and sorrow in the name of children, women, and old people, and innocent civilians who were the victims of cruel terror. Since the murder of Yitzhak Rabin. I have not known such great sorrow. And my heart prays: "He will destroy death forever. and the Lord God will wipe away tears off ail faces." May their

memories be blessed. Your majesties, royal highnesses, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, nine days ago on the eve of the festival of Purim, two 12-yearold boys went to celebrate at the Tel Aviv mall. Yovav Levy and Kobi Zaharon were best friends. They had the innocence and freshness of youth. Kobi studied in a class for gifted children. Yevav excelled at football. Their whole future was before them. Yet, in a lit second, it came to an end at the hands of a crazed terrorist, a

living bomb. Is there a God who permits a man to perform such a horrendous act? Is there a religion which allows one to commit suicide, to murder children? Wars in the Middle East have claimed the lives of tens of thousands of young people. With every casualty, a whole world was lost. Yet, most of the victims fell during wars. Kobi and Yovav were murdered by the ultimate evil - in a war against ending wars.

They were among the youngest victims of the most recent terrorist attacks, but they were not alone. In Jerusalem, in Ashkelon, and in Tel Aviv, other children, and ordinary people, young and old, Israelis and foreigners were

Grief struck many homes and scores are still in pain. May the Lord comfort the sorrow and heal

Yes, we suffered pain, but not despair. We shall do all that it takes to defeat terrorism, just as we shall mobilize all resources to further peace. This gathering signifies the civilized world's rejection of the evil of terrorism and its support for the peace process.

Momentous and practical decisions must emerge here today. This conference must formulate a strategy and create an enduring coalition to respond to the moral call and to answer the practical needs through international cooperation. Terrorism knows no borders; so borders must not restrain action to smash the terrorist snake.

This terrorism is not anonymous it has n name, it has on address. It has bank accounts, it. has an infrastructure, it has networks camouflaged as charity organizations. It is spearheaded by a country - Iran. The Iranian people are not our enemy. Religion is not our foe. It is the regime which initiates, promotes, and exports violence and fanaticism - Teheran has become the capital of terror. A conclusion must be drawn how to contain it. From the Palestinians, with whom we wish to complete the historic conciliation, we demand the unequivocal fulfillment of the Oslo accords. We do not ask the Palestinian Authority to defend our lives. Only we shall defend ourselves. It is solely our responsibility. The Palestinians must fulfill the obligations of an elected authority. They must fight to prevent terror, which is causing the hardship in their midst. They must not tolerate murderous command centers. They must not permit illegal guns to aim at legal peace

Terror threatens peace and sta-hility in the whole world. Suicide methods and modern weapons are an immediate danger. It will escalate once terrorists obtain nonconventional weapons.

We are at a watershed. Our region is going through a period of transition. The dark days are at an end. The shadows of its past are lengthening. The twilight of wars is still red with blood, yet its sunset is inevitable and imminent.

The Middle East is on the verge of a new day - better and more promising. Many barriers which separated Israel from its neighbors are gone. Yesterday's enemies are gathered here today as partners in the battle for a different tomorrow. The hunting grounds of cynics and skeptics are diminishing. There is news in the Middle East: it will be a new

Middle East. I would like to thank all those present. First and foremost, President Clinton for his vital initiative. He proved not only his leadership of the free world, but he has also shown himself as a great facilitator of peace as a new agenda. I thank the co-sponsor. President Yeltsin, whose presence here expresses his commitment to

a new cra. My gratitude goes to our host, President Mubarak of Egypt, first to make neare, who offered the beauty of Sharm e-Sheikh as an invitation to a new political landscape. My appreciation is extended to the leaders of Europe and Asia who belped to realize peace in the

Middle East and continue to do so. I also greet the leaders of the Arab countries present here, and would like to say that Israel, as it proved in its negotiations with the Palestinians, is resolved not to dominate others. Israel does not seek to gain territory. Israel has proved that science is more important than territory. We can attain more at schools today than what we could conquer previously on the battlefield.

We are not here out of fatigue or weakness. We are here out of a moral preference and a sense of strength. Let your children and our children know a future of peace. Let them march, safe and sound, through the gates of the next century, free of fear, equipped with knowledge and wisdom, into a new era for mankind.

In the words of the Bihle, "See, I have set before you today, life and good and death and evil ... I call heaven and earth to witness thia day against you, that I have set before you life and death, hlessing and cursing - therefore choose life!" Ladies and gentlemen, we have chosen life! Let us all unite to wipe out the curse of terror and to receive the hlessing of peace.
(Government Press Office)

### Four-hour meet ends in pledge of support

The following is the final statement issued yesterday by the co-chairmen of the international conference to support the Middle East peace process in the face of militant violence. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and US President Bill Clinton issued the statement on, behalf of summit participants at the end of the four-hour meet-

THE Summit of Peacemakers has just concluded. This meeting took place at a time when the peace process confronts serious threats. The summit had three fundamental objectives: to enhance the peace process, to promote security, and to combat

Accordingly, the participants here today:

Express their full support for the Middle East peace process and their determination that this process continue in order to accomplish a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace in the

Affirm their determination to promote security and stability and to prevent the enemics of peace from achieving their ultimate objective of destroying the real opportunity for peace in the Middle East

Reemphasize their strong condemnation of all acts of terror in all its abhorrent forms, whatever its motivation, and whoever; its perpetrator, including recent terrorist attacks in Israel, consider them alien to the moraland spiritual values shared by all the peoples of the region and reaffirm their intention to stand staunchly against all such acts, and to urge all governments to join them in this condemnation and opposition.

To that end, we decided: (A) To support the Israel-Palestinian agreements, the continuation of the negotiating process, and to politically and economically reinforce it, to. enhance the security situation for both, with special attention to the current and pressing econamic needs of the Palestinians.

(B) To support continuation of the negotiating process in order to achieve a comprehen-

(C) To work together to premote security and stability in the region by developing effective and practical means of cooperation and further assis-

(D) To promote coordination, of efforts to stop acts of terror on hilateral, regional, and international levels; ensuring instigators of such acts are brought to justice; supporting efforts hy all parties to prevent their territories from heing used for terrorist purposes; and preventing terrorist organizations from engaging in recruitment, supplying arms, or fund

raising.
(E) To exert maximum efforts to identify and determine the sources of financing for these groups and to cooperate in cutting them off, and by providing training equipment, and other forms of support to those taking steps against groups using violence and terror to undermine

peace, security, or stability. (F) To form a working group. open to all summit participants. to prepare recommendations on how best to implement the deci-sions contained in this statement through ongoing work, and to report to the participants within 30 days.

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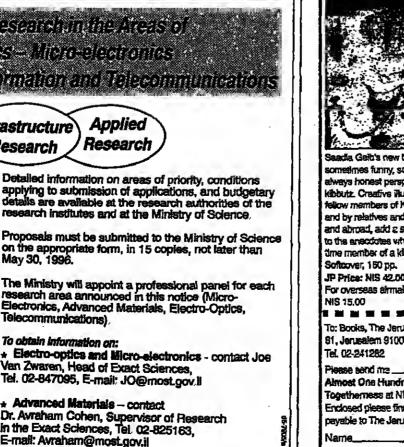
### Open Letter - A Renewed Question by a Christian Correspondent to President Clinton

Dear Mr. President,

Have you come up yet with an answer to the question addressed to you at your Jerusalem press conference in October 1994, when the undersigned reminded you that Genesis 17:8 ff. says God gave Israel "all the Land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession," and that in Leviticus 25:23 He forbade her from ever selling it; asking how peace could be served by the United States "inducing [seducing] Israel to defy the Almighty by selling vital parts of this holy land for Arafat's paper promises of peace." The record has shown since that his promises of "peace" are as void of any intention of peace with Israel as were his promises to Lebanon, which the PLO destroyed, or as void of any hope of peace as may be found in your State Department's "peace process" delusion that any compromise is possible between the Islamist aim to destroy Israel and the Almighty's Bibledeclared aim to restore her.

With all due respect, Sir, if you continue following the State Department "peace" process delusions and their impossibility, how can you not but bring God's judgment, not only on this region, but also on America and your own political

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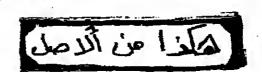
Proposals must be submitted to the Ministry of Science on the appropriate form, in 15 copies, not later than May 30, 1996.

The Ministry will appoint a professional panel for each research area announced in this notice (Micro-Electronics, Advanced Materials, Electro-Optics, Telecommunications) To obtain information on:

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## Conservatively beautiful

GREER FAY CASHMAN ечегу nubile young woman enamored of the new less is more" dress code. Certainly those who travel widely in the business world prefer clothes which, though flattering, con-

ceal rather than reveal. Marks & Spencer, which lası unveiled its collection to that sector of the Israeli market which would just as soon shop at home than descend en masse on London to visit M & S. demonstrated yet again that classic conservatism is the mainstay of the apparel industry.

Comprising mini-checks, stripes, spots and solids mostly in hlack, white, navy, red and beige or combinations thereof, the collection features a wide selection of modest mix-andmatch coordinates, which though typical of M & S good quality, are just a little too pricey for garments which don't carry famous designer labels. NIS g75 for a summerweight pants suit is not exactly small change.

While M & S does carry a range of micro-mints for its younger clientele, most of its hemlines come well below midthigh, and many of the kneelength and below-the-knee pencil skirts incorporate deep single or double inverted pleats, which ensure comfort without detracting from style.

Despite its internationalism, M & S conveys a distinctly British image, especially in its knitwear lines. What, after all, is more British than the twinset? The sporty, sleeveless sweater in the twinset can also double as a vest over a blouse or a polo-necked T-shirt.

The total range includes sleepwear, underwear and menswear. Amongst the menswear lines are pure cotton shirts and pure silk ties. The women's underwear,

though sexy, is devoid of vulgarity. With increasing competition from French, Italian and American lin-gerie manufacturers, M & S has come up with one of its best underwear collec-

Bras are priced at between NIS between NIS 30 and NIS 45.

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Marks and Spencer has some sharp styles that flatter without being revealing.

### Balsamic vinegar: The secret is out

B ALSAMIC vinegar is the condiment of the '90s. "It's an incredible product. It has such complex characteristics," said Peter Zimmer, chef and part owner of Baltimore's Joy America

Cafe. For a long time, only chefs knew the secret of this carefully crafted and long-aged concoction, with its bold, distinctive, sweet-sour taste. Now the oncescarce product is available in supermarkets as well as specialty and gourmet stores.

Traditional balsamic vinegar is strictly regulated in ; Italy to meet the highest standards. Only in two places, parts of Modena and Reggio nell'Emilia, can producers claim their product to be the authentic thing, aceto balsamico tradizionale.

Balsamic vinegar is made from grapes such as those used for white Trebhiano or the red Lamhrusco wines, and it is aged in wooden casks. Ordinary vinegar is made from wine or fermented fruit juices, but aceto balsamico tradizionale is made exclusively with unfermented crushed grapes that are condensed by heating and aging, according to Burton Anderson in Treasures of the Italian Table: Italy's Celebrated Foods and the Artisans Who Make Them.

As it is reduced, the vinegar is moved from large barrels into ever-smaller ones, aging and evaporating until the vinegar is concentrated and the color of dark caramel.

"The people of Emilia often use balsamico on its own as a distinctive flavoring with meat, fish, and vegetable dishes or as the prime ingredient in the sauces that enrich the local cooking." Anderson

writes. "Admirers will sip the finest aged tradizionale straight from a small glass or teaspoon, following its ancient role as a cordial, digestive or

For most of its history, traditional uceto bulsamico was not exported; it was a family affair, with each estate having its own vinegar room, in an attic, Anderson writes. The vinegar was used at home, or given as gifts to friends.

As word of the pleasures of aceto bulsomico tradizionale got out in recent years, however, demand began to rise. Nontraditional producers sprang up, some of them far from Modena and Emilia, and many of them sought a less labor-intensive, less time-consuming and less expensive way to produce a "balsamic" vinegar.

Imitations abound, some of them no more than ordinary vinegar flavored and colored with caramel. The quality of halsamic vinegar varies. Chefs generally use vinegars that have been aged for six to 12 years, with occasional sparing use of a 25-year-old aceto balsamico. Although some vinegars are made hy the "balsamic method," according to Dave Rudie, chef at the Milton Inn in Sparks, Maryland, "a lot of

them are not as good." "A good one has incredible sweetness and richness to it. It's sort of like caviar," said Michael Gettier, chef and owner, with his wife, Claudia, of M. Gettier in Baltimore. "To get a good product you have to pay for it. I get real small bottles - even here, we get sixounce bottles. That lasts a long time."

(The Baltimore Sun)

### Staking a claim at the **Execution Office**

ICTORY in the Small Claims Court does not necessarily constitute monetary redress. It's one thing to be awarded money by a judge; quite another in be handed the cash by a debtor. A large number of creditors end up having to pursue their cases beyond the trial. In response to readers' requests, the following is a description of how

this pursuit works.

If you do not receive money owed you upon conclusion of a small-claims trial, you may grant the debtor a grace period in which to come up with the funds. If he falls to do so, you can open a file at the Execution Office (Misrad Lehotza'a Lafo'al).

There is an Execution Office adjacent to every Magistrate's Court. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. Claimants should come equipped with the original, or a certified copy, of the verdict, along with as much relevant information on the debtor as possible (i.e. name, home and/or business address, phone number/s, ID number, etc.), since the EO does not carry out investigations.

You will be asked to fill out a form in which this information, as well as the amount owed you in the verdict, should appear. Fees to be added to the sum will include: index linkage and interest (which are calculated automatically by the EO computer on the basis of the date of the verdict), expenses involved in retrieving your money (i.e. missed work days, transportation, etc.1 - including the fee you will be required to pay to the EO: NIS 50 for verdicts under NIS 5,000, and one percent of the sum of a verdict exceeding NIS 5,000. (The limit in a small-claims suit is currently NIS 8,000.)

The EO then sends the debtor a copy of your verdict along with a postal bank slip. The debtor has 20 days in which to pay - via the RUTHIE BLUM

postal bank, or directly to you - or to object. Possible grounds for objections are that the person who received notice is the wrong person, or that the debtor has already paid his

(Debtors take note: Make sure to request a receipt after paying your debts, to avoid possi-ble denial on the part of your creditor. Furthermore, if you are planning on paying a debt, do so before the 20-day period is up. Otherwise, you will end up having to pay more in added penalty fees.)

IF YOU don't receive your money after the 20-day period, wait an additional three weeks or so, and then contact the EO to resume pursuit. A new service called Hotz-la-phone is now available in three locations: Jerusalem (02-256535), Tel Aviv (03-691-4371), and Netanya (09-605602). You can call these numbers between g a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, to inquire about the state of your file. In any other area, you must go to the Execution Office in person for details about your case.

During this waiting period, you may receive a set of labels in the mail from the EO with your name and file number printed on them, Save these labels, or any other document you receive relating to your file. You will need them in the event that you choose to pursue the case further.

Resurning pursuit at this point means having a lien (ikul) attached to the money or the property of the debtor.

Though it is up to you to decide on which items a lien is attached - the form you fill out will list your options - the EO will probably reject unreasonable requests. If the sum awarded in your verdict is very small, for example, having a lien put on real estate would be unrea-

Also keep in mind that attachment of a lien registered on goods (ikul metaltelin) costs a fee of at least NIS 100, and the actual confiscation will cost at least double that amount. (Though this fee is added to the snm to be paid by the debtor, the confiscation process may prove fruitless, in which case you will be reimbursed

only part of the money.) To much a lien to the debtor's bank account or salary, you must provide the EO with the ID number of the dehtor, as well as the place of his employment. This, at least, costs no extra

When a lien on possessions is registered, EO afficers can enter the bame or husiness of the dehtor. Sometimes, this is enough to cause the dehtor to cough up the cash. If not, the EO can confiscate these possessions, and sell them by tender. It is from the proceeds of the sale that you are paid what is owed you.

Beware of embarking upon this procedure if the whereabouts or ID number of the dehtor are unclear. You may end up spending valuable time and money in vain.

CORRECTION: In the March 7 column "Senior citizens must stand up and claim their rights"), the quotation from the Tel Aviv Municipality's spokesman's office should have read "...in cases where there are mishaps, we do not reimburse the difference."

You are invited to ask questions or offer personal stories of goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000

### 'Adieu' to fancy food in France

N the front lines of great restaurants that form the pantheon of French gastronomy, the news looks hleak.

Gourmet clients who once made reservations a year in advance for the privilege of paying \$200 a head to feast in gilded dining palaces are opting in favor of cheaper tables at local histros. Even businessmen on plush expense accounts are seeking out more austere places to eat during France's protracted recession.

The meticulous labor needs of top restaurants, where the number of employees often exceeds the number of patrons, have sent wages soaring. Now the French government has pushed the sales tax above 20 percent.

"We are slowly being strangled," said Alain Senderens, chefowner at Lucas Carton, who has organized street protests against

Young people in France, as elsewhere in the world, are voting with their feet for fast food. The most popular restaurant in Europe is the McDonald's hranch on the Champs Elysées. Even mandatory school courses designed to nurture heathen palates have failed to sensitize a new French generation to the culinary arts.

Then there are those nasty, nettlesome critics. The Michelin and Gault-Millau restaurant guides. the twin hihles of good eating. have downgraded some top chefs for not being sufficiently imagina-

"A great chef may create an original masterpiece once in a lifetime, not once a day," snarled Paul Bocuse, the 70-year-old dean of three-star cooking. "These critics have become the gravediggers of French cuisine."

Are the most hallowed institutions of the tastiest, most succulent food on earth truly facing their imminent demise? Are the great masters of French cooking really turning into the dinosaurs of nur day?

At first sight, the obituary rings true. The most esteemed chef in Paris, Joel Rohuchon, has just thrown in the towel. Exhausted hy his 19-hour days and zealous quest for perfection. Robuchon



Chef Joel Robuchon, shown touring Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market last December, will be closing his Paris restaurant this spring.

says he will close the doors of the august restaurant that bears his name this spring, hecause he wants to savor other pursuits now that he has turned 50.

"A lot of chefs disappear with a heart attack between 50 and 55," Robuchon said. "I want to leave while I still have my health and sanity intact."

ROBUCHON'S hottest young rival, Pierre Gagnaire, has drowned in a tureen of red ink. His showcase, opened two years ago in his hometown of St. Etienne, a suburb south of Lyon, crashed into bankruptcy last month. Gagnaire is now trying to pay off his debts by giving cooking courses in Japan at \$5,000 a day.

Claude Terrail, venerable owner nf Tnur d'Argent, is also in a mournful state. His top chef, Manuel Martinez, who supervises the famous pressed-duck menu, was accused of taking kickbacks from fish wholesalers. Then came an even crueler hlow: Michelin is to announce that Tour d'Argent is

losing its highest three-star rating for the first time in half a century. In the midst of this gloomy predicament, Bocuse and a few of

his fellow chefs are fighting back to salvage what they believe is an essential part of world civilization and French patrimony. They are snubbing the purists, scorning the critics and launching what many peers consider shameless commercial ventures to keep their dining establishments afloat. Bocuse has transformed himself

into a one-man global business enterprise. He has earned a fortune hawking his name on wines, frozen foods and cookbooks. And he has plowed the money back into the art of good eating with enough left over for splurges like flying 300 friends to Marrakesh, Morocco, to celebrate his hirthday.

Not surprisingly, envious critics have turned on him with a vengeance. They have accused him of forsaking the high stan-dards of his Collonge-au-Montd'Or restaurant near Lyon in favor of traveling the globe to satisfy a lust for money.

Bocuse takes pride in his commercial pursuits and says he prefers the open attitudes about making money that prevail in the US to the monkish purity that the experts want to impose on chefs in France. You need to show talent as a

husinessman just as much as in the kitchen these days," he says, Those who don't are condemned to go out of husiness. You need to make a lot of money on the side in order to finance the enormous costs of the restaurant that serves as your flagship. Otherwise, the hanks will end up owning you."

Another aspect lacking among mnny French chefs, he says, is the need to respond to what the people want; "People can't afford to pay as much during hard times, so we have opened up two bistros where you can eat for 150 francs [NIS 90]. If you pack people into those places, you will have all the money you need to run the fancy restaurant that builds your reputa-(The Washington Post)

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### Arafat's 'no-lose' game

Jewish joke tells of a pogrom survivor who was asked what his community did to prevent a repetition of the atrocity. "We tore our clothes, fasted for three days and read psalms for a whole week! We have to show those murderers we mean business!" he replied. It is a safe het that even secular Israelis are convinced that, in the fight against murderous terrorists, reading psalms is al least as useful as convening conferences in Sharm e-

If the colorful gathering proved anything, it is that Yasser Arafat, a most remarkable survivor. has managed to maneuver himself into a "no lose" situation. Of the leaders who assembled at Sharm, no one fits the "sponsor of terrorism" description more completely than Arafat. He is precisely the kind of ruler President Bill Clinton and other Western leaders have repeatedly condemned. Yet he is assured of lasting world support.

Arafat not only shelters terrorists; he lets them incite, recruit, organize, train, arm, raise funds, and launch operations from areas under his control. This is now indisputable. Even Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who only two days before this year's first bus bomhing praised Arafat for the wonderful way he was fighting terrorism, now admits that "the head of the snake is in Gaza."

'It was the Hamas leadership in Gaza which decided on terrorist strikes and issued operational orders for the bus bombings. It was in Gaza that the Hamas military organization trained suicide bombers and assembled explosives. It was in Gaza that "the engineer" Yihye Ayyash found shelter until he was killed, and where his successor Mohammed Dief has been living openly. It was in Gaza that Arafat's Preventive Security chief was negotiating with Dief – a close friend – both before and after the first bus bombing. He knew of Dief's involvement in the bombing and did nothing either to detain him or prevent the next outrage.

But Arafat is not just like any other sponsor of terrorism. Unlike leaders who for the sake of appearances and to preserve the option of "deniability?' keep a distance from the killers, Arafat himself elevated Ayyash, an arch-terrorist and mastermind of suicide bombings which killed 50 Israelis, to Palestinian sainthood.

He paid Hamas leaders a condolence call after Ayyash's death, and had his army participate in the funeral and fire a 21-gun salute in the terrorist's honor. Calling him a martyr and a hero, he had West Bank towns, including Bethlehem, decorated with hundreds of Ayyash's pictures. It was with Arafat's knowledge and approval that commemorations for Avvash were held, including one in Kalkilya three days before the first Jerusalem attack, in which an Israeli hus marked "Dizengoff 5" in Hebrew was burned in effigy.

Nor has Arafat "crossed the Rubicon" in his attitude to Hamas, as Peres asserted vesterday. He may now have television cameras accompany his police as they round up the usual suspects. And this time he may keep them in jail until after the elections rather than only for a week. But in the inauguration of the Palestinian Council he again praised Hamas leader Sheikh

Sir. – For a long time now I have

been irritated by the sly insinuations

and hearsay evidence that form the

basis of the articles of Messrs. Dan

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Bostan HaGalil.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUTHFUL REPORTING

Ahmad Yassin, and repeated his charge that "Israeli extremists" were behind the suicide bombings.

Arafat's relationship with Hamas is similar to that of Syrian dictator Hafez Assad's relationship with Hizbullah. Hamas, like Hizbullah, receives financing, arms and political support from Iran. (And it also gets substantial support from Saudi Arabia, one of the conference participants.) But neither Hizbullah nor Hamas could function without the tacit and often open support of the armed forces in their respective lands. In Hizbullah's case it is the Syrian army. In Hamas's it is the Palestinian security

To say that both these terrorist organizations are against peace with Israel is to state the obvious. But they are not opposed to the current stage of the Oslo process. They may object to Arab recognition of Israel, and to a final settlement which recognizes Israel's legitimacy. But they have nothing against Israel's continued withdrawal from Arab population centers. On the contrary. If they felt that their actions would jeopardize this withdrawal, they would stop them. But both the Israeli government and the world community have conveniently assured them time and again that no matter what they do, Israel will continue to withdraw. It is what is known as "not surrendering to terrorism."

What Hamas hopes to achieve, then, is not a halt to the peace process, but to get credit for causing Israel's withdrawal. The Palestinians perceive Israel's willingness to recognize the PLO and withdraw from the territories not as a generous gesture, but as a forced retreat caused by the intifada and terrorism. By killing Israelis while Israel retreats. Hamas hopes to claim that it was its actions, not Arafat's negotiations which have caused the "liberation" of Pales-

What brought the West and the Arab world to Sharm e-Sheikh is the fear that this time Hamas has overdone it. They worry that Israelis, concluding that getting blown to bits in buses is not the kind of peace they envisioned when the Oslo agreement was signed, will vote for the Likud, which opposes this agreement. Having bet on Arafat, the world community wants Israel to continue negotiating with him. In fact, Israel may now be urged to accelerate the process rather than suspend it.

Arafat's position is therefore invincible. Even Deputy Chief of Military Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, whose description of Arafat's collaboration with Hamas shocked members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this week, has stated that there is no substitute for supporting Arafat. Otherwise, he said, there will be

At least some Israelis may find it difficult to imagine what can be more chaotic than losing 213 men, women, and children to terrorism in a period of 31 months. And President Clinton may want to ponder that, in per capita terms, this is equivalent to losing 10,000 Americans to terror attacks. Somehow, one suspects that if such disasters struck the US, the American people would not be pacified by the mindless platitudes of Sharm e-Sbeikh.



The rescue mission

### Greatest show on earth

as any democratic country ever witoessed such wild swings in public opinion as Israel during these past weeks? From a lead of 20 percent in the

polls enjoyed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres over his Likud rival Binyamin Netanyahu, we now see Netanyahu nosing ahead. Onetime British premier Harold Wilson declared that "a week is a long time in politics." In Israel a

day is a long time.
It would be easy to conclude that Israel's democracy rests on very shaky foundations indeed. But the strains on its body politic are surely unique. The assassina-tion of Xitzhak Rabin followed by suicide bombings that claimed the lives of 61 bus passengers and pedestrians can hardly be termed small disruptions in the nation's

It was the repercussions of these events that led three diverse Individuals, fearful for their political future, to stage-manage a circus in Sharm el-Sheikh billed as an "anti-terrorism conference" - as though terror was some deadly. virus suddenly descended from Mars to threaten life on earth.

We have learned that this grandiose rescue operation was the brainchild of the most vulnerlifelong dream of being elected prime minister seems well-nigh shattered. Peres recruited President Clinton to ensure that world leaders would attend, assuring him that he would enhance the president's prestige by openly supporting his bid for reelection

According to The Washington Post, Clinton's sole purpose in attending the conference was to ensure the defeat of the Likud in Israel's elections. For a Peres defeat would kill the Olso accords stone-dead, ruining Clinton's claim to have brought peace to the region - an important facet of his image as an internationally successful statesman and leader. We have also learned that

Clinton's aides are urging him to pardon Jonathan Pollard, convinced that it would be a feather in Peres's cap. It must be done soon. however, they warn. Too near to the elections it might boomerang. appearing as nothing more than a last-minute attempt to influence the Israeli voter. In the meantime, the media are

making a tremendous attempt to get world opinion to believe Arafat is working overtime to crush Hamas in the areas he controis. Pictures of helmeted Israeli

**URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG** 

arresting "activists" appear daily, part of a government-supported campaign evident in briefings to foreign reporter.

All this is going on despite the fact that Peres has secret data from his own intelligence sources stressing the close coordination that exists between Hamas leaders and PLO officials, particularly in

As a source with an intimate knowledge of events in Gaza put it to us: "The arrests of Hamas offi-

### The anti-terror conference was a circus.

And Arafat as a noble fighter against Hamas is a soap opera

cials and leading figures is pure soap opera. One PLO police officer told me: 'Sure we arrest people.... The Israeli government... freed not tens, not bundreds, but thousands of our most heroic fighters from their prisons for political reasons. The Israeli public had nothing to say. So we also release people from prison after trials. We are more efficient than the Israelis. We release them much quicker."

And how's this for a charade? Mohammed Dahlan and Mohammed Deif are two major terrorists, both former prisoners sentenced to long periods in Israeli jails. Dahlan is now Arafat's security chief in Gaza and a close friend of Deif, a top Hamas chieftain in the same area.

Deif is known to Israeli authorities as the man who organized the 1994 kidnapping of Israeli soldier Nachshon Wachsman. This Nachshon Wachsman. This knowledge led Yitzhak Rabin m surmise at the time that the kidnapped soldier was being held in

Because the prime minister had ordered the General Security Service not to rely on its own informants but obtain its information from Arafat's security chiefs, several critical days passed without the GSS getting any information about the missing man.

Despite its frustration at being "blinded," the GSS finally pinpointed the house where the soldier was being held: on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a few kilometers from his home.

Persistent efforts to have Deif extradited to Israel drew a blank. His buddy Dahlan wouldn't bave permitted it.

IN A hid to save Arafat's face and the government's - the scenario was put forward of there being two divergent trends in Hamas: a "moderate" wing pulling against a tough extremist

This idea betrays total ignorance of the ioner workings and tight discipline of the organization. There is no room for democratic debate at any level. No matter how senior the Hamas member, he would not dream of questioning, let alone debating, any command. Though this was made clear to

Peres, his reaction was to suggest that Arafat be given "one more chance" to prove he really wants to discipline Hamas. A vain hope. Intelligence sources have made it clear that Dablan knew of the recent spate of suicide bomhings in advance, and possibly even when they were going happen. However, he has more important things on his mind. He was picking up a fee of 20 percent of the value of every truckload of produce crossing between Gaza and Israel, and a fee from every bus and taxi taking customers across the border. For him it was no more than an irritant to have this lucrative business interrupted for a period while the border was scaled. He knew full well that it was merely a setback on the road

to making his fortune. It is an unhappy day for Israel when President Clinton, surely one of the greatest friends the Jewish state ever had in the White House, goes along with a perfidious campaign to convince the world that Arafat is doing his noble best to prevent further sui-

cide bombings on Israeli soil. An ironic footpote to vesterday's anti-terror parley: it was beld in a far-flung location in the Sinai Peninsula because President Mubarak didn't dare host it in Cairo, lest his own fundamentalist terrorists make a supreme effort to hlow up a gathering of world leaders in his capital.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

## Hear no evil

ALOUPH HAREVEN

randfathers and fathers of families. Boys and girls of school

A blind man going to work. A deaf-mute Armenian on his way to church. A religious woman tourist from

Ethiopia. A woman community worker

from Beit Jala. Romanian laborers working here m support their families. A mother and her daughter out to buy wedding clothes for the

granddaughter. These are only a few of the victims of random murder carried out at the instigation of Islamic religious leaders.

It is these leaders who, in the name of God, have presumed to make themselves almighty over the lives of human beings about whom they know nothing, and whom they have never met.

It is they who have turned God Merciful and Compassionate into an idol to whom they arbitrarity sacrifice children, parents and grandparents, giving them not even one minute's chance to protest their innocence.

Surely this is not religion, but a travesty of religion. Surely this is not a faith which declares that all human beings are created in the image of God, but a denial of God's creation.

Surely this is not faith in God, who transcends human knowledge, but faith in the omnipotence of evil, which has falsely been named god.

Is this true Islam? Is this what Moslem believers would ask us non-Moslems to believe about their true faith?

Surely not, Surely most Islamic 3 leaders would reject the murder of innocent people as contrary to the Islamic faith. Surely most of them reject the right of any Moslem to send young men out on suicide missions to kill other human beings at random.

Surely they understand that a Moslem who murders innocent ! people in the name of God desecrates his religion, just as Baruch Goldstein desecrated the Jewish religion by murdering innocent. Moslems over the grave of our common father Abraham.

Surely most of them can perceive that an Islam which glories in the murder of innocent people is the very opposite of true Islam.

THESE good, bumane, Islamic leaders who perceive all this might be a majority - hut unhappily we do not hear their combined voices.

Rather than confront the evil sprouting in their midst, they pre-fer silence (indifference?).

#### This silence isn't golden. Where are the voices of humane Islamic leaders?

Rather than declare aloud to their communities the difference between true Islam and an Islam that rejects the belief that all of us are created in God's image, they remain reticent and noncommit-

Their implicit message is: We aren't responsible, so leave us alone. Don't bother us. Yet because of their silence,

tragedy will engulf us in widening turmoil. For violence breeds violence, and human sacrifice by one people leads to human sacrifice by another people. Once human restraint is lossed

to the winds, the destiny of Palestinians will be no better than the destiny of Afghanis, Algerians, Bosnians and Somalis, and others who have rejected their own humanity.

Only Islamic religious leaders, uniting in large numbers, can stop

the oncoming tragedy.

By remaining silent, as most of them have done, they are hastening the disaster that a small group of death worshippers are bringing upon their entire people.

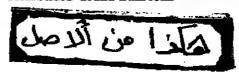
The writer, codirector of Sikkuy, the Association for Advancement of Opportunity, has since 1967 actively supported Palestinian self-determination side by side with Israel



### PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



How does one get a 1,500-square-meter carpet that weighs 1.8 tons through the front door? A dozen porters were called upon last week to shlep the Scottish wool carpet into the Tel Aviv Hilton, for its refurbished Grand Ballroom.



### PRIMA DONNA

D. SAVTR

Sir. - As a newcomer to Israel, it has been my duhious privilege to observe David Levy in action. Clearly his present concerns are for himself and not for Istael. I concur with Sarah Honig's "With friends like Levy, who needs enemies' (March 1), that David Levy would be a liability rather than an asset to the Likud. Levy, to date, comes across as a prima donna extraordinaire and a maverick who consistently employs emotional and political hlackmail to achieve his personal and political ends.

In spite of our present situation and Netanyahu's desire to consolidate and improve his position, in both the short and long term. David Levy's antics will cripple the likud.

Dennis Eisenberg comments:

The girls gave evidence to the Shamgar Commission officially after receiving a promise that they would not be arrested or harassed by the police. The Hebron girls were beaten and ahused in July 1995 by a police officer in Kiryat Arba and forcefully taken to the Jerusalem lock up. The Justice Ministry's Police Investigation Division has recommended charges be filed against Chief Superintendant Effi Havivian for kicking and punching among others a 13-year-old girl protesting at the lock up. Other females have been badly treated in Hebron. None of this is "insinuation, hearsay, or

sly." They are facts: The 1961 date was an error for which we have done penance. We have Lotz's personal account direct from the horse's mouth. We believe he knew the difference between horses, mules and even donkeys.

Barring any miraculous character

changes, in the position of Foreign

Ministry, Levy, unfortunately and

most certainly, would be a serious

embarrassment to any future Israeli government. With all due respect, before seeking further office, Levy should closely examine his true motives for entering politics. Israel desperately needs statesmen, not self-serving autocrats. Levy must forego blackmail in bis pursuit of a "position" and explain to the Likud and the people of Israel why he more than others is suited to be one of our

KEVIN E. ABRAMS Jerusalem.

### TOO MUCH GORE

Sir. - What kind of people are those who congregate at the site of a terrorist explosion and hamper the work of the police and medics? And what kind of people are the media photographers and interviewers who push their cameras right into the faces of weeping mothers and chil-dren and lovingly pan their cameras where there is the most blood and

Is there anyone in this country who needs to go through this added trauma? Let them give these pictures to the foreign media, let the rest of the world see what we are going through in the name of this so-called peace process, but let us act with dignity and restraint.

#### PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE Sir, - The political right is repeat-

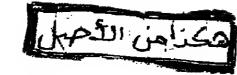
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edly accused of offering no alternative to the "peace process." Jonathan Blass (March 5), in "No time for niceties," presents a practical alternative which would also restore the country's self-esteem. SUSAN FLIESS

LITTLE SISTERS

Sir. - Congratulations to Leah Abramowitz for ber touching story about the "little brother" program that is being carried out by university students ("A little kindness goes a long way," February 21). But why didn't she mention that it is also a little sister program?

ARLEEN KLINE



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Photos by Brenda Warner Rotzoll

# Pooh's Corner of England



Above: Find some twigs and play with a friend.

Left: The way to Pooh Bridge is clearly marked. There you can imagine Christopher Robin, Pooh and Piglet playing Poohsticks.

By Brenda Warner Rotzoll

Chicago Sun-Times

"ARTFIELD, England—Night was falling, the road signs didn't mention my destination, the engine kept dying and oncoming traffic on the narrow road repeatedly forced me toward a shoulder that wasn't there, scraping the car against an earthen bank.

Why was I in the middle of nowhere with the left half of the car smeared with mud, my face pale, teeth grinding, hands slippery with perspiration? It was all the fault of books.

Once again literature was charting my travel course. Lots of literature. A lifetime of English history books plus Nigel Calder's The English Channel, a Georgette Heyer historical romance set in Kent and Sussex, A.A. Milne's children's books and, the clincher, Susan Alleo Toth's new England As You Like It.

I was hooked when Toth said Milne used a real forest for his seting of the Winnie-the-Pooh books and people could go there, and play Poohsticks on the very bridge where Pooh invented that beguil-

I had to be in England to take the London-to-Paris train through

the EuroTunnel beneath the English Channel. Why not see the sights near the Chunnel's Folkestone entry poiot, commune with Pooh and Tigger and Piglet and their pals, and see the remains of the Cinque Ports, Engand's great defense ports of the Middle Ages, most of which have since become landlocked or fallen into the sea.

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Along the way I could make a pilgrimage to Canterbury cathedral. I'd keep costs down by renting the cheapest car, and doing my London travel by Underground instead of by taxi.

Penny-pinching was a mistake. Cheap cars in Britain have stick shift, and while I'm used to it, with the controls on the wrong side of the steering column I kept turning on the windshield wipers instead of the turn signals, and killing the engine. Next time I'll pay for

Traveling from Heathrow into London by Underground cost about \$5, compared with \$9.30 for the airport bus to Victoria Station, or about \$60 by taxi. Trouble was, 1'd forgotten all those stairs between platforms. Thankfully kind gentlemen saw me bumping my wheeled suitcase up the steps and carried it

up for me or I might still be changing trains at South

### WINNIE-THE-POOH

"Once upon a time, a very long time ago now, about last Friday, Winnie-the-Pooh lived in a forest all by himself under the name of Sanders," A.A. Milne wrote in the opening chapter of his first Pooh book. In the book it was simply The Forest. In real life, it is Ashdown Forest, near Milne's Hartfield home.

England haso't many forests. Ashdown, more like patchy woodland to my spoiled Wisconsin eye, has lots of beath, with heather and gorse and milkwort and bellflowers and marsh gentians, beneath a canopy of oak, birch, alder and beech. More than a thousand deer roam its 6,400 acres, laced with horseback riding trails (and lots of horse droppings, walk warily).

I parked in one of numerous roadside parking areas and walked in the better part of a mile, through woods, down a little road, past a farm and down a lane to Pooh Bridge. Along the way I picked up twigs to play Poohsticks, the game where two or more people drop twigs from the upstream side of a bridge and rush to the other side to see whose twig comes out first.

There was no one to sight until I reached the bridge, where Anne Waldron and Monica Cecil of nearby Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells were enjoying their monthly outing and lamenting that they had no sticks. I shared mine and we happily dashed back and forth across the narrow wooden bridge, laughing like giddy young girls.

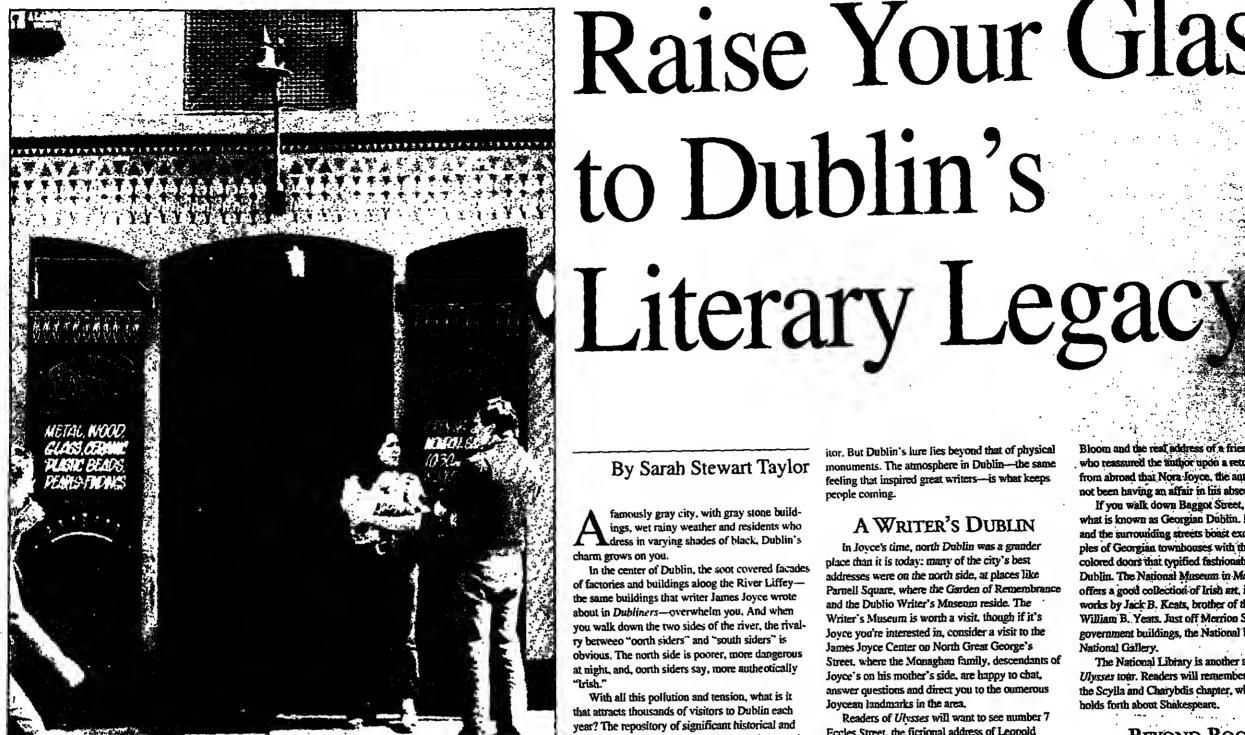
If you go, wear your heaviest walking shoes. The paths are muddy, hampy and riddled with roots. To find Pooh Bridge, drive to Hartfield and for 40 cents buy a hand-drawn map at Pooh Corner, a point of pilgrimage since 1977 for lovers of Winnie-the-Pooh.

This Pooh Corner, combined with Christopher Robin's Sweet Shop, is a little store in a 1690s Queen Anne building with more Poob things than you ever dreamed existed. There are window pictures, coasters, tea towels, cups, Pooh alphabet pens, coloring sets. cards and paper, pencils, mugs, ootecard files, notebooks, puzzles, clothes, games, posters, boxed miniatures, door plaques, height charts, the inescapable T-shirts, clocks, key chains and framed copies of E.H. Shepard drawings from Milne's works. Strangely, there were no hunny pots and no manifestations of Rabbit or any of his Friends and Relations.

Hungry? Step through an opening to an ice cream parlor.

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dress in varying shades of black, Dublin's charm grows on you.

In the center of Dublin, the soot covered facades of factories and buildings along the River Liffeythe same buildings that writer James Joyce wrote about in Dubliners-overwhelm you, And when you walk down the two sides of the river, the rivalry between "oorth siders" and "south siders" is obvious. The north side is poorer, more dangerous

By Sarah Stewart Taylor

famously gray city, with gray stone build-

ings, wet rainy weather and residents who

With all this pollution and tension, what is it that attracts thousands of visitors to Dublin each year? The repository of significant historical and literary landmarks, it is an obvious stop for any vis-

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itor. But Dublin's lure lies beyond that of physical monuments. The atmosphere in Dublin-the same feeling that inspired great writers-is what keeps

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#### A WRITER'S DUBLIN

In Joyce's time, north Dublin was a grander place than it is today: many of the city's best addresses were on the north side, at places like Partiell Square, where the Garden of Remembrance and the Dublio Writer's Museum reside. The Writer's Museum is worth a visit, though if it's Jovce you're interested in, consider a visit to the James Joyce Center on North Great George's Street, where the Monaghan family, descendants of Joyce's on his mother's side, are happy to chat, answer questions and direct you to the oumerous Joycean landmarks in the area.

Readers of Ulvsses will want to see number 7 Eccles Street, the fictional address of Leopold

Bloom and the real address of a friend of Joyce's who reassured the author upon a return to Dublin from abroad that Nora Joyce, the author's wife, had not been having an affair in his absence.

If you walk down Baggot Street, you'll enter what is known as Georgian Dublin. Merrion Square and the surrounding streets boast exquisite examples of Georgian townhouses with their brightly colored doors that typified fastrionable Anglo-Irisb Dublin. The National Museum in Merrion Square offers a good collection of Irish art, including works by Jack B. Keats, brother of the famous poet William B. Years. Just off Merrion Square are the government buildings, the National Library and the National Gallery.

The National Library is another stop on the Ulysses tour. Readers will remember it as the site of the Scylla and Charybdis chapter, where Stephen holds forth about Shakespeare.

#### BEYOND BOOKS

The south side of the River Liffey is where most of Dublin's tourist attractions are. You might want to take a walk down the river to the Half penny (pronounced Hay-permy) bridge and enter the Temple Bar peighborhood through the Merchant's

Temple Bar was once a dingy and dangerous neighborhood famous only for the musicians that utilized its numerous practice studios, but has been revitalized in recent years by an influx of trendy boutiques and galleries. The excellent Irish Film Ceoter shows are house films and serves as a resource for budding Irish film maker, of whom there are many. The recent frenzied activity in the Irish film industry in partly responsible for the new vitality in Temple Bar, and on any night of the week, young Neil Jordans (director of The Crying Game) and Jim Sheridans (director of My Left . Foot) can be found imbibing at one of the many pubs in the area. Have a pint of Guinness at the Temple Bar or The Norseman and enjoy the "craic"-an Irish word for good atmosphere and good company.

Exit Temple Bar oo Dame Street and you'll find the imposing facade of Trinity College oo the right. Trinity is a popular destination for the more adventuresome sons and daughters of Oxford and Cambridge graduates.

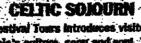
There's an array of tourist activities at Trinity. but don't be swayed by the giant signs proclaiming the "Dublin Experience." It's a mulitmedia bore. You're much better off with a tour from the Trinity history studeots who will show you around and give you a free Irish history lesson, including background on the founding of the university and the many famous Irishmen who have attended over the years. Check wheo the tours leave at the booth just inside the front gate.

The Book of Kells is one of Dublio's most famous sites. The Celtic renderings are impressive. but the small room in the old Trinity library where the books are kept and the impossibly loog lines make the visit an ordeal. If you do brave the crowds, make sure to go upstairs to the Long Room on your way out. The old library houses books that

Above Left: Enjoy "craic" at the Temple Bar. Left: Dublin Writer's Museum is located at

Paraeli Square on Dublin's North Side.





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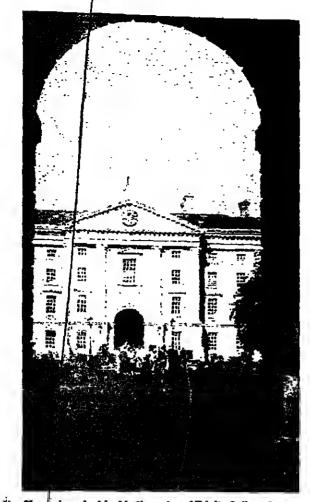
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Sign in here just inside the gates of Trinity College for a tour | Dublin with history students.

are everal hundreds of years oldand gives you a feel for what it must have been like to study at Trinity in the 18th century. Tourists can also have a pint at The Buttery, Truity's student pub. This is a great place to rest your feet, people watch or to get a cheap hmch.

The National Gallery has a superb collection of Celtic art, including the Tara brooch and other pieces of early Irish 2: goldwork, along with a fine gift shop.

South of Trinity is Grafton Street a pedestrian shopping area that teems with musicians, venders, students and busi-17 ness people. Visit Brown Thomas, af old Dublin shopping institution and skip the St. Stephen Green Center, a run-ofthe-mill shopping mall at the botton of the street, next to St. Stephen's Green. The Green itself/s a beautifully manicured park with a duck pond and garden where Dubliners sit or feed the ducks on nice days.

### How About a Stout?

Harry Street, off Grafton Street, is home to McDaid's, the narrow little pub where Irish wher and drinker Brendan Behan spent much of his time it is also where a famous exchange is rumored to have iken place between Behan and the Irish poet Patrick Kavangh. Behan, it seems, had a bit 7. too much to drink and madda remark about Kavanagh being a second rate poet. "Yes," Javanagh replied. "Aren't we all since Homer?"

Another good pub is Donoghue's on Baggot Street at the northeastern tip of Spitephen's Green. O'Donoghue's boasts the best pint of Giness in the city and locals mostly concur. This is also ones the best places to hear traditional music in the city. The libliners, and Irish institution, used to play here, and their ortraits still adorn the walls. Make sure to arrive early foa seat, especially on the weekends.

Traditional musics one of the most magical things about Dublin and there are cores and scores of excellent places to hear it played. Try A Beal Bock, named for the Flann O'Brien Novel of the same name. Searson's on Lower Baggot Street has uditional Irish set dancing a couple of nights a week-a lof fun even if you don't feel up to joining in.

If you're intersed in modern art, wait until you get to London or Paris. Jough Ireland has produced more than its fair share of modelist writers, it is lacking in the modern visual artists. Visithe Modern Art Museum in Kilmainham, but spend the bullof your time at the Kilmainham Gaol, an old prison which now a museum celebrating the 1916 Easter Rising in hich a small hand of revolutionaries declared independence from Britain and were promptly -: arrested and excited. The myth of Easter 1916 is an integral component modern Irish history. The museum does a good job of expining the huild up of the independence movement andvoking the long, painful road to independence in 1922

In close primity to Duhlin there are a number of interesting day trip North of the city, at the top of Dublin Bay, is Howth, a pluresque seaside town with lots of good seafood restaints. Take a hike around Howth Head, especially beautiff in the springtime when the rhododendrons are in bloomind then fill up on just-caught fish at the King Continued on age 4

## IN IRELAND, NAMES MATTER

By Ron Butler

ilkenny, Ireland-I didn't come to Ireland to find my roots, but they found me.

Upon arriving in this picturesque town of 15,000 inhabitants (75 miles from Duhlin hy car), strange, wonderful things began to happen. People were opening doors for me. Prenty ladies smiled. Little kids followed me down the street.

The reason for the attention perplexed me. Was it my suit? White suits conjure up thoughts of far away places and interesting people: Hong Kong. Bombay, Panama City, the Deep South, Tennessee Williams, Faulkner, Jay Gatsby, Bogart in Casablanca, Mark Twain. But that wasn't it at all.

All the attention, I soon discovered, was because of my name-Butler, Kilkenny, with its great castle steeped in history, has been the principal seat of the far-reaching Butler family for more

Kilkenny Castle, situated in the heart of this historic and picturesque city, overlooking the fabled River Nore, was built by William the Elder in 1172. It became Butler property in 1391 when James Butler, 3rd Earl of Ormonde, purchased it after the previous occupant suffered financial setbacks and was forced to leave Ireland. The castle has been the key stronghold of the Butler family, Earls and Dukes of Ormonde, the most powerful family in Ireland, from 1391 until the present day.

So if your name happens to be Butler and you're in Kilkenny, it's almost automatically "Guinness on the house." Talk about Irish luck.

Along with its Batlers, Kilkenny is famous for its pubs, so many in fact that the Irish refer to Kilkermy as "the oasis of the southeast." I visited a few. I stopped in Maggie Holland's Caislean Ui Chuain, Fennelly's, Grogan's on the Bridge and the Court Arms. After that, I lost track of their names. My white suit was a shambles and somewhere during a rousing rendition of "Damy Boy" I lost my notebook.

Pubs (from publicks or public houses) are a national institution in Ireland. In Kilkenny, as in most Irish towns, they form the center of social life. It's the average man's clubhouse, a place to meet his friends or find new ones, match wits with his enemies, and forget the cares and problems of the day by washing them all away with a creamy pint of Guinness stont.

Stout (also called porter plain) is the national drink of Ireland; the national weakness is having "just one more." There's a saying here that goes, "A bird never flew on one wing."

There's another saying: An Irishman is the only man in the world who will climb over the bodies of a dozen naked women in order to get a bottle of stout.

My father was Irish, of course. His family came from nearby Waterford where the famous crystal is made. Born in New York, he always dreamed of visiting Ireland but never made the journey. Instead, he spent a good part of his life visiting all the bars and taverns in eastern Connecticut where we lived, in search of his mystical past.

Kilkenny Castle, restored in recent years to reflect much of its historic grandeur, is the jewel in the city's crown. A wing of the former servants' quarters is now the Butler Art Gallery where, along with changing shows of contemporary art, family portraits abound. The old Castle Kitchen operates as a restaurant during the summer.

Around the castle is a 50-acre park with a children's play area and hish green lawns. Nowhere in the world are lawns greener or better kept than in Ireland. The castle's former stables house the Design Workshop where woolens, sweaters, linens, porcelain, glass, kitchenware and other Irish handicrafts are sold. The Tourist Information Office Is here as well.

Another major point of interest is St. Canice's Cathedral, dating back to the 13th century. One of Ireland's most beautiful, it has a superb round tower, part of which-100 feet or so-is open to



Photos courtesy of the Irish Tourist Board

The crown jewel of Kilkenny, Butler Castle is steeped in history.

visitors, During the 17th century, Cramwell plundered the city, descrating the church and smashing its stained glass windows and baptismal font. Horses were stabled inside.

Kilkenny is also the site of the St. Francis Abbey Brewery, built around the shell of a 13th

century Greyfriar's abbey, one of Ireland's oldest. Too bad my father, who never had a white suit, couldn't have joined me. Misty, wistful Ireland, with its tall stories and strong drink and fair maid-

ens. Perhaps we could have crossed the edge then.

one to the other, to finally view life through the very same eyes,

Ron Butler is a freelance travel writer.

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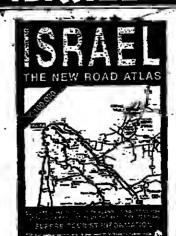
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### **Pubs: The Average** Man's Clubhouse

When Stephen Bedalus pondered the Impecability of crossing Dublin without passing a public wasn't kidding in ireland's capital city, pube (from "public house") areeverywhere. To the first time visitor, it seems incredible that such a small city could fill up so many of them. But Irish pulis are more than just places to trink. They serve as social clubs, lecture halfs, day care centers and boardrooms. The wonderful thing about them is the fantastic cross-section of society you'll find sitting at the dark, wooden tables on almost any day of the week or year. Elderly ladies with glasses of whiskey, kids with orange sodes and bags of crisps (potato chips), business people doing lanch and poets working on the next big work.

#### Tips for a successful pub visit:

1. "Craic" is the Irish word for "good times," not a controlled

2. Irish pube can seem like bastions of masculinity, but, if you're a woman, don't worry. You're very welcome. 3. If you're with a group of people, try to grab a "snug," one of the booths that are tucked away to little rooms next to. the bar. In times past, these were for women. Nowadays, anyone's free to use them.

4. Irien people tend to drink in rounds—one person buying for everyone, then someone else doing the same. If you want topay for your own, say so.

5. Irish bartenders (or namen) don't expect you to tip, but they won't complain if you do! 6. "One Guinness" means a pint of the black stuff. If you just

want a glass, ask for a half,



Dublin's charm lies in the streets, in the people.

### Dublin From page 3

Citric or the charming Casa Pasta. South of the city is Sandycove, home to the Martello Tower where Steven Dedalus and Buck

Mulligan find themselves in the opening pages of Ulysses. Joyce actually lived in the tower with the writer and sometime politician, Oliver St. John Gogarty. Today, the tower houses a Joyce museum. Look through the letters and photographs on hand and then enjoy the view from the top of the tower.

No trip to Dublin would be complete without a drive to Johnny Fox's, about 30 minutes outside of the city. As you drive up the winding mountain roads, the air grows thinner and cooler, all around pasture land rises to the sky. Just when you think you must have missed it, that there couldn't be a restaurant in what

looks like the middle of nowhere, you come upon the low, whitewashed building. Inside, it is warm and welcoming. The sound of a fiddle carries through the labyrinthine rooms and voices ring out, laughing and calling for another round, another place of Fox's famous crab claws. All that is good about Ireland

you'll find in the furnioural Fox's. Just sit back a let it all sink

Sarah Taylor A Dublin for two years and n works as a free writer.

### Pooh From page 1

Hungrier? Walk three doors down the street to Stairs Farm Tea Shop, where I looked out leaded-glass windows across green hills while I devoured chicken and leak pie with potatoes, cauliflower, zucchini and peas, and a pot of tea with scones, strawberry jam and thick cream, for \$11.50.

### CANTERBURY

Today's pilgrim goes by car, bus or train to Canterbury. I chose the train, not wanting to drive after a long plane trip. Canterbury has two stations, east and west, both of which are reached from London's Victoria Station. Take the Dover Priory train approach to the town, a 10-minute walk along the top of the old walled fortifications. It's the same distance

from the west station, same fare, same ticket.

I was continuing to Dover, where I would reot a car for three days, so I bought a five-day return ticket, London m Dover, for \$29.60. Such tickets can't be used until after 9:30 a.m. You may hop on and off the train anywhere along the line until you reach your final destination. It's about 90 minutes from Loudon to Canterbury and another 30 to Dover.

much more going on within the walls of this bustling with from St. Thomas a Becket, the archbishop murdered on town, historically a staging post on the route from London to the port of Dover. Poet and dramatist Christopher Marlowe was born here in 1564, in a house destroyed by bombs in 1942. Charles Dickens loved the place and sent David Copperfield to school here in the novel of that name. And the Clerk of the Works who oversaw rebuilding of the cathedral nave in the 14th

The characters of Chaucer's poems are modernday moneymakers at the Canterbury Tales Visitor

Attraction and Gift Shop in a medieval church in St. Margaret's Street, It's dark, moderately interesting, costs \$7, and I fled in 20 mioutes, driven out by the amazing steneb of the ancient structure.

Just walking the streets and seeing the old buildings is a treat, if you can do so without tripping over your fellow pilgrims. These days most of theor come to see, and buy souvenirs. But for centuries pilgrims came to . The carbedral is the heart of Canterbury, but there is: it pray at Canterbury Cathedral and seek intercession the altar steps by henchmen of King Henry II. Becket had made the mistake of upholding the authority of the church against power grabs by Henry.

The cathedral is the mother church of Anglican Christians, seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Primate of All England. It is filled with richly made tombs in many materials, and its windows are made of e of the world's finest stained glass, both medieval and modern. Don't miss Erwin Bossanyi's wonderful modern window representing Peace Among the Nations of the World.

### A GARDEN OF DELIGHTS

It's the happy accidents that make a trip. While I was packing, a friend called m recommend a Tudor manor where she had stayed in the county of Kent. That's how I wound up eating three splendid desserts at one meal, cooked by our Cordon Bleu-trained hostess, Katherine Morgan.

My friend had sent Morgan some hard-to-find baking supplies, and that kind gesture helped me get in on short notice at the Old Cloth Hall in Cranbrook, where normally people have to book months in advance. The bouse is one of the Wolsey Lodges, a consortium of privately owned homes welcoming visitors.

Inside are comfortable beds, vast bathtubs and a baronial living room. Outside are a large swimming pool and farm buildings, including an oast house. These round stone buildings with conical roofs dot the Kent landscape. They were huilt to hold hops for making beer. These days many have been converted to pricey commuter cottages.

Morgan checked all my travel plans, called London so I could book a theater ticket, and set me on the right roads each morning. She also persuaded me to skip much-visited Sissinghurst, 10 minutes away, in favor of a new garden in the oeighborhood, Plashley Manot.

Sissinghurst is a "closed" garden, set up as a series of outdoor rooms. Plashley Manor is open, with one landscaped area opening to another for long vistas. Fifteen years ago it was all misty water and native tree, with a walled garden full of goats and pigs. Then James and Angelea Sellick bought the Tudor-Georgian manor and set about creating a garden king-

dom at Ticehurst in East Sussex. One of the delights is taking tea on the terrace, looking across an open stretch of water past swans and geese to an island set with yew trees and an old temple. Try the homemade shortbread a huge slab is \$1.25. The gardens are open April through September.

### THE CINQUE PORTS

The starting point for the whole trip was my desire to see the Ronney Marsh, scene of much smuggling in past centuries, and the neighboring Cinque Ports. That's Norman French for five ports, although eventually there were seven: Romney, Dover, Hythe, Dungeness, Rye, Winchelsea and Hastings. They were granted special privileges by the king in exchange for providing ships and men to protect England in the days before the Royal Navy.

I first read about them in The Unknown Ajax by Georgette Heyer, who invented the Regency Romance genre. (Don't blame her for the mostly poor imitators who flourish today-Heyer was a noted historian and got things right, as well as writing entertainingly.)

The two most notable are Rye, now miles inland, and Dover, the only one still a seaport. We remember Hastings because of the Battle of Hastings, but actually that 1066 conflict was fought six miles inland at what is now the town of Battle.

The dominant feature there is Battle Abbey, a sprawling grey stone wreck that overlooks the fields where William the Conqueror led his Norman French forces to victory over the Saxon King Harold. Today, sheep graze placidly on the field where William's

Norman cavalry hacked Harold's forces to pieces. Rye, twice burned down by the French, stands oo a hill surrounded by salt marshes that have cut it off

from the sea. You can drive all the way around Rye on the flat before parking the car and climbing up, up, up over break-ankle cobblestones to the top. There, climb the tower of St. Mary the Virgin church for a of the surrounding countryside. Forget it if you're more than average weight. I could barely squeeze through one of the stone passages to the bell-ringing chamber.

See the Land Gate, the Ypres Tower and Rye Museum, and start down Mermaid Street past the Mermaid Inn where those murderous cutthroats the Hawkhurst smuggliog gang used to bang out. A few hundred feet more and you're down oo The Quay (actually a street) at the Tourist Information Centre. It houses my favorite discovery of the trip, the Rye

In 1973 a retired local school teacher, Joy Harland, decided to make a scale model of St. Mary's church, working in foam plastic. She liked it so much she made a few more buildings. Two years later she had recreated the entire town as it looked in the early 19th century. Her husband. Ted, hollowed it out and wired and lighted it. They they wrote a script and recorded a 20-minute sound and light show that recouots, with thunder and lighting, the town history with all its invasions, murders and scandals, Admission is \$3.10.

Take the road from Rye to Dover and you cross the Romney Marsh, about 50,000 acres of flat land supporting endless flocks of sheep. In the early 19th century and earlier, the marsh also supported smuggiers bringing in prized foreign goods, especially French wines and brandies.

Dover today is a town of about 35,000 and a principal ferry port. It is the English town closest to France and has been a major landing place since the Romans built a lighthouse there to guide their troops across the English Channel. There have been settlements in the area since iron age days. Its white cliffs are symbols of homecoming.

You can trace its history from Roman times through World War II at the White Cliffs Experience, admission \$7.75. Upstairs is a room built like an old Channel ferry, a recreated wartime street, and a 15minute show of animated marine figures that the kids will love. The star is Corporal Crab. He talks, as do clams, seagulls and the cliffs themselves.

Since [18] Dover Castle has loomed atop the cliffs, and since Napoleonic days, there have been tunnels through the cliffs from castle to cliff wall. First built because of a shortage of barracks, they became a refuge from German bombs and shelling in World

Today you can take the "Heilfire Corner" tour of the tunnels. Here troops worked and sometimes lived in dripping tunnels 280 feet long, beared only by fireplaces with chimneys carved up through 100 feet of chalk. You can see the reconstructed communications center that controlled artiflery and monitored ship traffic throughout the area.

Here, from a tiny terrace at the sea end of one tun-

nel, Vice Adm. Berram Ramsey mastermioded the "Miracle of Dunkirk" In nine days in May and June of 1940, that unprecedented military-civilian effort plucked 338,000 traped British and French troops from French beachessaving them to fight again another day against her forces which at that moment had driveo all Allied arces off the European

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The tour includes a Smith film shown in an underground cavern. It epicts the horrors of living underground and under stillery bombardment. As it | - | eods, we hear the piercing sweet voice of Vera Lyan, singiog the wartime;ong of hope and longing that looks ahead to the day when once again, "There'll be bluebirds overhe White Cliffs of

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### By Car or Tain, **Getting Around Easier With Tips**

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If driving, be aware that roads re narrow and crooked. A distance that mightake 20 minutes to cover in the United Stars will take two or three times as long in heland You'll stay safer and saper if you sind more money and rent a car with automati shift.

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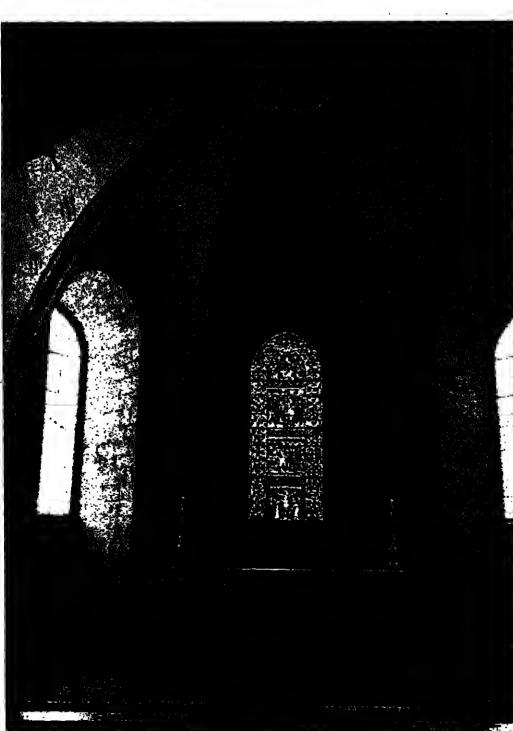


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Camberhary Cathedral is full of many visual treasures such as time stained glass, richly made touris and this

Report Mikey.

## In the US, God is everywhere

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

URING his recent tour of the US. Minister-without-Portfolio Rahhi Yehuda Amital was clearly tickled hy the country's religinsity. God was everywhere

even on the money.
"Look at this," he said, pointing to the national motto printed on US currency. " 'In God we trust.' We can never talk about God in

While God often seems ubiquitous in the US, and the country is often viewed as the most religious nation in the Western world, official references to Gbd in mottoes and oaths appear in be less about faith than pomp or habit. Take the currency.

The national motto is a form of 'ceremonial deism." a US federal appellate court declared a few weeks ago when it dismissed the latest challenge to the invocation of God on the currency. The mono "cannot be reasonably understood to convey government approval of reli-

"Nobody pays it too much attention," said Marc Stern, a lawyer with the American Jewish Congress. "The court is making a social judgment that this motto is a symbolic state-

gious belief."

Freedom of religion and the separation of church and state are enshrined in the US Constitution, America is supposed to be religiously neutral; some would say aloof.

The fact that "in God we trust" is the national motto doesn't entangle the two, the appellate court ruled. Instead, the motto fosters patriotism and symbolizes the historical role of religion in American society, the court said, without explaining what that means.

George Washington bears a lot of the credit or blame - for inaugurating many of the official references to God. When he took the oath to become the first president in 1789, he solemnly swore, according to the script, that he would uphold the constitution. Then he added,

"So help me God." What was for Washington an afterthought or an appeal for divine assistance became an informal custom, then an honored tradition. In some states, it became law, although the US Constitution declares that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United

That pits federal law against popular opin-ion. And it is a prickly situation for anyone to point out publicly that official talk about God may be unconstitutional. Rather than being seen as neutral, the naysayers are seen as being antireligious in a country where more than 90 percent of those polled routinely claim to believe in God.

"No politician in his right mind is going to stand up for nonbelievers," said Roh Boston of Americans United for Separation of Church



and State, a nonprofit advocacy organization. "But standing up for God is going to get you a

UNCONSTITUTIONAL though it appears to be. South Carolina state law has a "supreme being" clause. It was used recently against Herb Silverman, a Charleston math professor who was rejected as a notary public - an official who witnesses the signing of legal documents - because he refused to follow Washington's footsteps and say, "So help me

He's suing, and legal observers note that the US Supreme Court ruled more than three decades ago that officials cannot be compelled to believe in God.

## The case of the disappearing pigeons

THE streets of downtown London aren't even safe for the pigeons anymore. the world's most famous pigeons are missing from their favored

concrete feeding ground in the shadow of Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square. The stolen birds are presumed to have been sold off to pie-making restaurants;

The stomach-flipping whodunit has bedeviled police and outraged the flocks of tourists who trek to Trafalgar Square and pay for the privilege of feeding the birds.

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'We've got a pigeon thief on the loose," says Bernard Rayner, whose family has been running the bird-food stand in Trafalgar Square for three generations.

The great pigeon caper has apparently been going on for three months. The prime suspect is a man in his 20s, who wears hlue overalls and a red basehall cap. He has been seen in the square scooping the hirds into a card-board box 40 at a time. He then makes his getaway in the Tube, London's famous underground raijway.

Police claim that at this rate, the thief could clear out the entire flock of Trafalgar Square pigeons within seven months. That would be a feat that German bombs during World War II and a pigeon hirth-control campaign enacted three years ago failed to accom-

"We've tried to stop him," Rayner says. "He just flouts the Because no one actually owns the pigeons, police can't file theft charges. Britain's Wildlife and Countryside Act prohibits individuals from damaging or destroying wild hirds.



Hundreds, perhaps thousands of pigeons have disappeared from London's Trafalgar Square.

"If this man gets away with it and tells his mates, I'm worried we're going to have an army of people scooping up pigeons and selling them 10 restaurants," Trafalgar Square beat bohby Roy Riggs told London's The Sun newspaper. "It must be stopped." Rayner claims the thief told him he is collecting the birds for a pigeon-racing cluh.

"That's a lot of pigeons to race," says Rayner, "He's ohviously doing this for London restaurants. Apparently, patrons savor the hird's liver-like taste.

The Grill restaurant at the Savoy Hutel is presently spotlighting pigeon stuffed with truffles and served with shitake mushrooms and celeriac. The dish goes for the princely price of almost 100

"We only ever go to recog-nized suppliers," says Pam Carter, spakeswoman for the Savoy. "Gentlemen turning up with boxes, we'd regard with suspicion." If the law can't stop the pigeon thief, then public opinion surely will. In Britain. animals are so loved, it's not

uncommon to wander into a pub where children are prohibited hut dogs are welcomed with open arms.

Tourists can never seem to get enough of the Trafalgar Square pigeons, who are as much a London attraction as Madame Tussaud's wax figures or the Tower of London's guards.

'It's good to watch the people's faces when they feed the birds, says Rayner, who charges the tourists one shekel for each cup of hird food. "This is good cheap fun." (The Baltimore Sun)

## Bridge a gap with your spouse



group which meets every Friday night. A neighbor of ours a sick widow also belongs to this group. As she cannot drive, and we live close, we usually give her a lift there and

My problem is that my husband has a strong aversion to this woman, which makes him reluctant 10 give her a lift. But I feel sorry for her and don't have the heart to tell her that we can't take

her anymore. This is causing my husband and me to quarrel constantly. My hus-band is being completely irranonal. He is not even willing to compromise.

Short of not going to the bridge game anymore, what can I do? Unable to Bridge the Gap, Somewhere in Israel

Dear Bridgeless, Your hushand's reluctance to have an obligation thrust on him is understandable. What is puzzling is his willingness to spend every Friday night in the company of a woman to whom he has such a strong aversion. Perhaps he's actually looking to escape the hridge sessions altogether.

By putting his foot down at this stage - thereby causing you discomfort - your husband may be acting out some form of hostility to you. The fact that this issue has become a hone of contention in

your marriage is evidence that more than carpooling is at stake. You can respond by putting your

own foot down - on the accelerator, if need be - and let your hus-band opt to remain at home; or you can arrange an occasional "detour" before and/or after the bridge game, which would serve as an excuse to your passenger (this way she might get into the habit of finding alternate means of transportation); or you can find a different bridge club. Meanwhile, you and your husband have a few marital bridges to build.

Dear Ruthie,

My husband died suddenly almost two years ago, leaving me and my two children devastated. At first, his parents kept in close touch with us. But when our lives resumed some degree of normalcy; they stopped taking any real interest. But then I heard from relatives that my in-laws have been complaining that it was I who distanced myself from them. This is a blatant lie! I want my children to have as much love from their father's side of the family as possible. I never cared much for my in laws, but now I find myself having to "grovel", even though I did nothing wrong. What can I do?

In-Law Irked.

against you may be no more than general bitterness on their part about having lost a son to untime-

Hoving a daughter-in-law by whom they can feel slighted may be the perfect focal point for their pent-up anger and pain. In any case, if your main concern is your

children, groveling a hit is not such a high price to pay.

Dear Ruthie, My mother is always embarrassg me in front of my friends. At 17, I don't want her coming into my room with "milk and cookies." I've told her about a million times to stop babying me, but it doesn't do any good. I just can't stand inviting anybody over to my house because of her. How can I get her to stop acting like a jerk?

Pestered by Pampering

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Phy P, Perhaps the tone in which you approach your mother is not conducive to mutual understanding. One way to get her to stop babying you is to stop whining and start engaging in genuine dialogue. (Just don't be too sure your friends aren't secretly delighted to

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be served snacks in your room.)

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### New report cards grade 'N'

Your in-laws' complaints

Simi Valley, California, parent Coleen Ary saw the new report card two of her children would receive last fall, she was mortified.

Gone were the familiar squares that first- and second-grade teachers filled in with As, Bs, Cs, Ds or Fs. Gone entirely, in fact, were letter grades, those universal symbols of achievement that made students burst with pride or wallow in shame.

Now, 160 academic and social skills - from "holds book upright" to "writes numbers 100-1000" were listed on the lower-elementary progress reports in the Simi Valley Unified School District. What had been a simple chart with a letter grade and a few lines of teacher comments in reading, writing and arithmetic was a maze of fine print, chock-full of descriptions of what Johnny should be learning in school.

Ary, a former script supervisor and mother of four, felt she needed a decoder. "I sat down and said, what does this mean? Is my child exceptional or does he need work in this area? It's gobbledy gook." Welcome to the brave new

world of report-card reform. Whether in response to public pressure for more accountability or new ideas about how to measure

what students ought to know, educators in thousands of elementary and middle schools from California to Florida are taking a hard look at the way they report on students' learning progress to parents.
Increasingly, they have decided that the familiar A-through-F report

card just doesn't make the grade. Kinder and gentler terms - from "emergent" and "beginning" for

low-level achievement to "developing" and "early fluency" for higher-level learning - are taking hold. In some cards, the hest grade for turning in homework on time and respecting authority has become "... usually." To be avoided are "rarely" and "sometimes."

But tampering with a sacred tra-dition is asking for trouble. Why deprive a child of the thrill of running home with a card emblazoned with A's, tradinonalists ask? Or, why let a snbpar student get away with "NC," as in "not currently demonstrating this behavior"? Rohhed of the ritual of reward-

ing their sons and daughters for a

joh well done, a parent at one Simi Valley school wailed: "What do I pay my kids for now?" As trivial as that may sound, it goes to the heart of the problem parents have with many of the new progress reports.

"I got four Exceeding Goals" is no match for the hack-slapping clarity of "I got straight A's!"

Five years ago, the Los Angeles Unified School District adopted a report card so complex that if came with a 36-page manual for teachers and parents. It was redesigned to give more information and to better reflect new goals in elementary instruction. It replaced letter grades for first through third grades - with S for "area of strength," G for "shows growth," and N for "needs improvement" and increased the categories assessed in each subject.

REACTION from parents was mixed, while teachers seemed united in frustration. According to a survey last year by the Los Angeles teachers' union, teachers overwhelmingly said the report card was too technical, too timeconsuming, and used fuzzy terms to describe progress.

Today schools want to tell parents so much more than just Johnny got an A in reading, writing or arithmetic. Does he read phrases, recognize certain words on sight? Can he write a story from beginning to end? Does he use math to solve real-world problems? Does he understand the concept of cultural diversity?

The trend in education now is to educate the whole child," said Theresa Winfrey Greenwood, a professor of primary education at Indiana's Ball State University. who has developed a video report card - replete with music and graphics - for the elementary school on campus.

High schools are reluctant to tamper with the traditional grading system, fearful of how colleges would react. But in the lower levels, the revamping of report cards has been motivated hy philosophical and practical reasons. Particularly in kindergarten and the primary grades, schools are encouraging children to learn at their own pace, leading many educators to question the usefulness of letter grades at such an early age.

One of the most popular types of new cards is the checklist, which hreaks down each academic subject into subcategories of abilities considered essential by the school or district. Teachers may indicate mastery simply by circling the item or placing a

check mark or other symbol hy it. Another variation takes a more complex view of achievement, not merely detailing the important skills hut grouping them by diffi-culty level and showing which stage of learning a student has reached. These stages might be numbered or given descriptive labels, such as "emergent," but

generally are not graded. This approach, said Roh Hunter. a principal who helped devise Simi Valley's report card, helps children set their own learning goals in a way that traditional letter grades do not. It also thwarts the competition for grades that many educators believe hinders

learning for learning's sake.

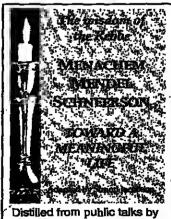
Many teachers in Simi Vallev praise the new report card, saying it sharpens their efforts and forces them to observe their students keenly.

"You have to know your children hetter," said Laurie Pohlmeier, who teaches first- and second-graders.

Parents who favor the new card say it offers a more complete picture of their child's strengths and weaknesses and fosters more positive attitudes toward school.

"When I was going to school, you had your A student and you had your C student," said parent Angie Chippendale. This [new card] doesn't put a kid into a category like that.

But according to Ary: "The whole concept of eliminating competition is nonsense. If they earned a C, they should get a C. (Los Angeles Times)



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Fogel and Swari proposed that the ministry establish a new financing plan in which farmers, the government and banks take part. According to the plan, farmers will give up on some of the

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sector's investment grants and in

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Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said the Fogel-Swari report will be examined, and if the state

loan guarantee route is applicable

the ministry may decide to imple-

ment it in other sectors besides the

General manager of the flower

board Ya'acov Siton said the

major objective of the board is to

help flower growers become more

efficient in an attempt to compete

against farmers from other coun-

THE Agriculture Ministry is examining the implications of giving state loan guarantees to the flower sector at the expense of a cut in investment grants, in line with the Fogel-Swari report on government policy toward the

A special committee headed by Agriculture Ministry Director-General Jonathan Bassi will examine the application of the report, in which Prof. Yitzhak Swari and former director-general Aharon Fogel propose to change the method of government support to the flower sector in line with changes in flower markets worldwide.

The Agriculture Ministry finances 32%-40% of total investments in the flower sector. In addition, the government compensates farmers when market prices fall below the average market prices during the past four

According to Fogel and Swari. farmers are required to make large investments in the sector as a result of changes in the flower

### Terms of aid MKs refuse to accept cut in pensions

IN its last meeting this session, the Knesset Hnuse Committee refused to accept recommenda-tions which would cut MKs' pen-sions from four percent of their annual salaries to 2%.

sector worldwide. To compete on world markets, Fogel and Swari The stormy meeting concluded with Prof. Ariel Roseu-Zvi resigning as head of the public commitsaid the farmers have to invest tee, which had spent three years preparing the reports on MKs' According to the report, the farmers are dependent on longterm loans to finance the invest-

ages and pensions. The Rosen-Zvi Committee prepared two reports: one on wages LIAT COLLINS

and the other on pensions. The first, raising salaries while banning MKs from holding outside paid positions, was accepted a few months ago.
The pension report, however,

underwent several revisions this week. The sticking point was a clause which would include car allowance as a component in calculating pensions for MKs.

Following extreme pressure hy

Shohat, who feared it could have implications on pensions through-out the public sector, Rosen-Zvi changed his recommendation on this clause and said the allowance should not be considered.

The House Committee members objected to the change and refused to endorse the report, despite the opinion of committee chairman Elie Goldschmidt, who called it "a black day for the

### Net profit up at Tadiran Telecom.

TADIRAN Telecommunications, a subsidiary of Tadiran, completed the year with a 25.6 percent growth in net profits to \$25.2 mil-linn from \$19.27m. in 1994, the

company said in its prospectus to potential investors. The company has published a prospectus to raise \$75m.-\$85m. through a global affering later this

The shares will be offered to the pubic in the US. Europe. Asia and

other parts of the world. Tadiran sales rose 25.6% tn \$387.5m. from \$308.4m. in 1994. Domestic market sales accounted for \$268.5m., while international GALIT LIPKIS BECK

sales reached \$119m.

The increase in domestic sales was mainly due to a rise in sales in all product areas, particularly as a result of increases in international sales and sales to Bezeq.

In the reported period, the sale of switching equipment to Bezeq increased to \$124.6m. fram \$130.3m.

According to the prospectus, Tadiran started discussions with Bezeq last month regarding supply of increased quantities of switching equipment at a discount price beyond 1997. Tadiran's cost of sales increased 27.3% last year to \$283.5m. from

The increase resulted from a change in product mix, particularly due to an increase in the sales of switching equipment and sys-tems which had lower gross profit margins last year compared to 1994.

Research and development expenses increased 15% last year to \$29.2m. from \$25.4m. Operating income increased 22.5% to \$34.9m.

The company is engaged in the production of a wide range of telecommunications products.

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Adanim Mortgage Bank expects a rise in mortgage rates fol-lowing the increase in yields on government bonds. Adanim said the rise in yields has increased the cost of raising carginal. The bank expects mnrtgage rates to rise in about twn weeks, after the banks hold their apartment fairs. Galit Lipkis Beck

Maldan, the association of real estate agents, and the Israel Consumer Board have agreed to establish a joint forum to handle the public's complaints. The forum will handle consumer prob-lems with Maldan real estate agents.

Galic Liphis Beck

Bank Leumi has inaugurated a forest for its workers. The bank said it has planted 10,000 rows on behalf of the hank's workers.

US-based multinational corporation Kimberly Clark and American Israel Paper Mills are negotiating a partnership to manufacture and market Kimberly Clark products here.
The products, which would be manufactured by Hogla, would

include paper products for home use, feminine hygiene products, and other absorbent paper items. Hogla is a subsidiary of American Israel Paper Mills. Kimberly Clark brand names include Kleenex, Huggies disposable diapers, and Kotex femi-Rachel Nepnan nine hygiene products.

Software Enterprises of Or Yehuda and California yesterday announced a three-phase Internet strategy for building applica-tions on the World Wide Web. The first phase is the immediate availability of Magic WebLink, an add-on tool for Windows NT servers which enables Magic users to develop and deploy multitiered Internet applications.

The second phase will be the integration of Magic WebLink into the Magic rapid application development system. Phase three involves integrating emerging Web technologies such as Java and Web Browsers into the Magic environment.

· Rachel Neuman

Multimedia producer Impact Plus of Ra'anana will produce the CD-ROM version of Rabbi Maurice Lamm's book The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage. . Rachel Neiman

### **Planet** Hollywood gala opening postponed

THE celebrity-nwned Planet Hollywood chain has postponed the grand opening of its new Tel Aviv restaurant fullowing the recent bombings here.

The management of Planet Hollywood finds that it would be inappropriate to bost a glamorous event such as this at a time when so many families in the country are grieving their inved ones," the company said in a statement.

The gala npening, nriginally scheduled for March 23, will now take place sometime in April. The beachfront restaurant

npened to the public two weeks ago.

Hollywood superstars – includ-ing Planet Hollywood cofnunders Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone, as well as

Brooke Shields, Luke Perry, and Jim Belushi - had planned to attend the March ceremnny. Demi Moore's appearance was uncon-



Cor Boonstra, executive vice president and president elect of Philips Electronics, poses with enlarged mobile phones during a news conference at the Cebit Computer and Information Technology fair in Hannver, Germany yesterday. The fair, the largest of its kind in the world, opens its doors to the public today.

### UK finance minister at heart of new Conservative Party rift

LONDON (Reuter) - When British finance minister Kenneth Clarke was besieged by a pack of photographers and reporters yesterday, he grumbled that it was

What is not absurd is the reason why he was mobbed - fresh speculation that Clarke, the cabinet's leading pro-European, might resign if he fails to stop his colleagues from committing Britain to a referendum on taking part in a

single European currency.

The Treasury said neither Clarke nor his friends were behind a BBC report saying he could consider quitting, and twn cabinet colleagues, Defense Secretary Michael Portillo and **Foreign** Secretar Maicolm Rifkind, tried to dause the speculation.

But Andrew Marr, the Independent newspaper's highly respected political commentator, wrote that Clarke seemed to be mentally preparing himself to call

it a day.

"If the cabinet votes for a refer-

endum on a single currency, then I think Clarke will resign. He is a man with a short tether, and has reached the end of it," Marr wrote."Admirers and colleagues who have tried to persuade him not to make a stand on the issue have been firmly rebuffed."

Marr said a Clarke resignation could even lead to the fall of Prime Minister John Major's government - just as Nigel Lawson's rift with Margaret Thatcher over Europe hastened her demise in Clarke has made no secret of

his hostility to a referendum, arguing it would widen splits in the ruling Conservative Party, but the conventional wisdom to date has been that he would not reover the issue. In do so would play into the hands of Eurosceptics in the party

for an economic recovery in the run-up to the general election, due by May 1997. Edwina Currie, a Conservative

and would rob him of any credit

Clarke's pro-European views, said she still did not believe the chancellar would in fact quit. But she added: "Kenneth Clarke is right to insist that a referendum is a thoroughly bad idea, and would be very disruptive."

Events are moving rapidly that much is clear.

As recently as March 4, Clarke told parliament that a referendum need not be considered until Britain had decided whether to sign up for the single currency, which is due to be launched in

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Yet three days later Major surprised MPs by announcing that the cabinet had decided to look now at the pros and cons of a piediscric.

An announcement is likely in weeks rather than days. Clarke has been on the defen-

sive since then, with Conservative party chairman Brian Mawhinney leading the charge for a referendum to spike the guns of billionaire Sir James Goldsmith's member of parliament who shares Referendum party.

### **Notice to All Passengers Flying** Abroad Tonight

With the changeover to daylight-saving time at midnight, tonight, Thursday, March 14, 1996, all passengers and visitors to Ben-Gurion International Airport are requested to check with airlines the exact

time of tonight's arrivals and departures.

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### S. Africa shelves most arms purchases

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - The Sonth African defense force has shelved nearly all arms acquisition plans, including a 1.69 billion rand (\$433 million) program to buy four naval corvettes, according to budget documents released

Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg slashed the defense allocation by five percent in nominal terms to 10.2 billion rand in

his budget for fiscal 1996/97.
The Defense Ministry said in an explanatory memorandum that savings and the suspension of acquisition plans had made the reduction possible.

"New acquisition and renewal projects have been postponed where possible and feasible, while cash requirement for approved, running projects and the normal operating costs has been minimized," the ministry

The secret Special Defense Account, used mainly to finance military hardware purchases, was halved in yesterday's budget to 1.8 billion rand, including 56 million rand earmarked for the navy.

General Ben Raubenheimer, a Defense Ministry official involved in drawing up the defense budget, said an initial 133 million rand allocation for the corvette program, which was put nn hold last year by President Nelson Mandela, had been divert-

ed to other running expenses. "There is no provision in this budget for the corvette project,"

South Africa had narrowed the search for new warships to Britain's Yarrow Shipbuilders and Spain's Bazan shipyard when Mandela declared last year that the project did not have public

The Defense Ministry said in its budget memorandum that all purchases would be decided after publication of a delayed Defense Review, which is expected late

this year. But the memorandum said that equipment levels should not be allowed to drop too low.

"A defense force is not an organization that can be switched on and off at will. While there is no foreseeable conventional threat in the short term, the national defense force must maintain its capability and continue to perform its specific roles," the min-

### AIT consortium selects Tecnomatix as partner

**RACHEL NEIMAN** 

TECNOMATIX Technologies, the Herzliya-based software system designer, has been selected by the Advanced Information Technology (AIT) consortium as

a technology partner. Tecanmatix will contribute expertise for a digital mock up process simulation project funded by the European Community.

The AIT consortium includes 17 leading automotive and aerospace companies from six countries including Daimler Deutsche Aerospace, Volkswagen and BMW from Germany; British

Aerospace and Rover from the UK; Aerospatiale, Dassault Aviatinn, PSA and Renault of France; Alenia, Fiat and Magneti Marelli from Italy; and Saab Aerospace and CASA of Spain.

The objectives of AIT are to define advanced technology requirements for more competitive design and manufacturing processes, and to initiate research and development (R&D) projects with technology providers.

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above), to obtain confirmation of receipt of the fax. i. Bids should be placed in the tenders box at 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem, not later than April 16, 1996, at 6 p.m. . No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid, or to order the

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The European Commission protested strongly yesterday Russia's unexpected announcement of a hike in minimum import prices for vodka from the

European Union. The Commission said the move 'could undermine EU support for Russia's membership in the World Trade Organization. The Commission said Moscow

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EU protests Russian vodka import levy investing in Russia."

had announced overnight that the minimum price for vodka imported from the EU would rise to \$8.2 a liter, compared with \$3.8 per liter on imports from the CIS.

This development comes as a

great surprise as this steep increase in the minimum price marks a clear break from the spirit and purpose of the Trade Agreement with Russia which entered into force on February 1, 1996," the Commission said.

"The move also sends out a negative signal to foreign investors who are already cautious about

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Commission spokesman noted that the EU exported 150 million European currency units (\$188 million) worth of vodka to Russia in the first eight months of last vear.

He said the EU supported Russian membership in international bodies such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development World the and Organization, but added a warning that this might have to be

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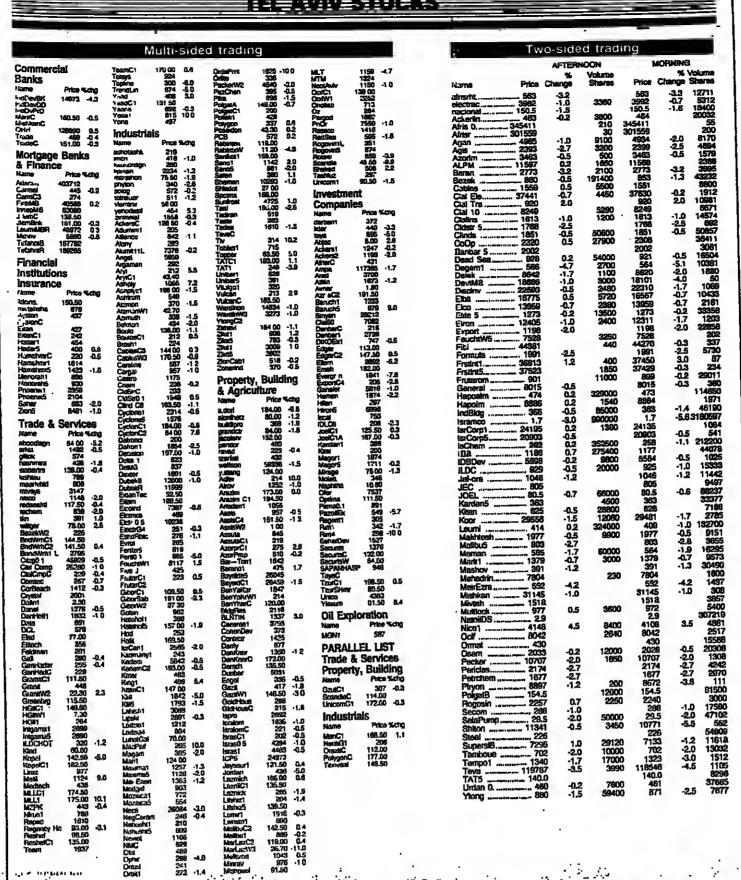
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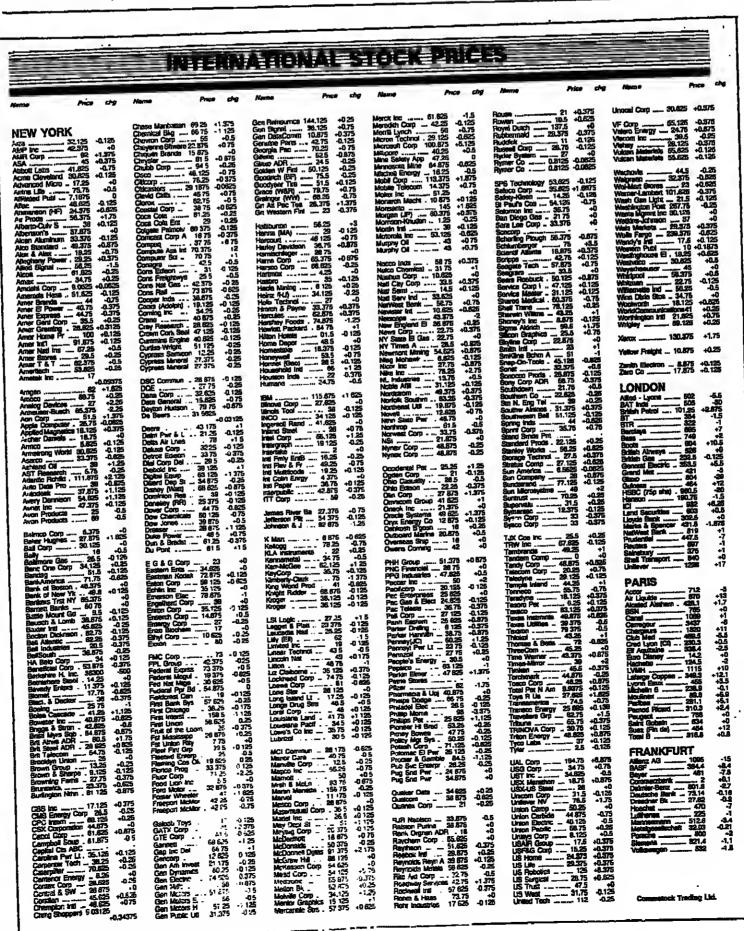
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#### **Two-Sided index**

STOCKS fell, led by Teva. tracking declines io Israeli companies traded in the US

Teva was the most active share in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, falling 3.5 percent at NIS 6.1 millinn worth of shares chaoged hands. Teva's American Depositary Receipts fell to 381/2 Tuesday from 40 3/8 Monday.

"Teva has a premium built intn it because nf Cnpaxnne." the company's new treatment for multiple sclernsis, said Eitao Shtarkman, a fund msnager at Tel Aviv firm Zeler Avlagnn. "Nnw investors are saying it's not worth it.\*?

Copaxone in under US Food and Drug Administration review. The  $FD\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  has postponed a review scheduled for March, pushing it hack to June.

The Maof Index fell 0.53% to 213.72 and the Misotanim Index dropped 0.59% to 203.74. Of 992 issues trading across the exchange, nearly 13 shares fell fnr every five that rose,

Almost NIS 80 millino worth nf shares traded, NIS 3.8m. below Tuesday's level ann about

Maof Index NIS 4m. below this mooth's aver-

age tracing ievel. Other Maof Index-listed shares with decimes tracking losses in New York included Koor Industries Lio.. which fell 1.5% after its ADRs fell 1/4 to 191/4 Tuesday. 'Investors expected better re-

sults from Koor's subsidiary companies," said Shtarkman. On the Maof Index, Clal Electranic Industries Ltd. fell 0.75%

alter ECl Telecommunications Lid. dropped 1 tn 231/4 Tuesday in New York. Clal Electronic owns 26% of ECL, which is not traded in Tel Aviv.

Other declining shares included Bezey, which fell 0.5%. Holding company Clal (Israel) Ltd. closed unchanged.

On the Two-Sided Index, Israel Discnunt Bank, which ruse 0.75% in its first day of trading on Tuesday, fell 0.25%.

Gainiog Manf Index-listed companies included Super-Snl Ltd., which rose for a second day, gaining 1%. The company Tuesday reported foorth-quarter oot

income rose 28% to NIS 27.3m.

### Volatile start in NY keeps FTSE nervous

### WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

ended a oervous sessioo little was edgy in advance of the expiry changed as another volstile start of DAX futures contracts oo Frion Wall Street kept many institulional investors on the sidelines. The FTSE 100 index ended just 0.8 higher at 3,640.3.

FRANKFURT - German shares closed bourse trade considerably down, weighed nowo

LONDON (Reuter) - UK shares man bond markets. The market day and was also fearful of what would banner to US interest

The DAX ladex closed down 9.59 points to 2,426.38. In posthourse trade toe DAX index despite good oews from the Ger- slood at 2,417.00.

## Blue-chip stocks end lower

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks fell yesterday as the al 5.568.72. But in the broader

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Almosi aii the representatives condemned the terror attacks in Israel and called for steps ic caro terrorism and ensure it is not ailowed to obstruct progress towards Middle East peace. Many Arab officials conveyed cnodelences to the families.

At the same time, several Aran leaders vniced hope that Israel would lift the closure of the territories, which a number of offi-

cials including Arafat termed collective punishment."

Woile Egyptian Fareign Minisier Amr Moussa sought in lead a behind-the-scenes effort to get a lifting of the closure inserted in ine communique, this did nut come about instead there was a seeming link netween security and the litting of the closure. The nocurrent calls "in enhance the security situation for both, with special attentino to the current and pressing economic needs of the Palestinians."

Two pider chuntries which called for close international cooperatioo against terror were victims of terrorism: Turkey and Algeria.

(Continued from Page 1) The IDF also agreed to open the Egyptian-Gaza horder to trade, with oew security precautinos including humh-sniffiog dogs, electronic equipment, and a complete separation of Palestinians and Israelis at the terminal. Gazan flowers were exported tn Egypt yesterday.

The IDF also lifted the internal clusure hetweeo West Bank cide bombings which prampted towns far 10 hours, allowing people to travel freely between 6:00 statement, signed mostly by npa.m. and 4:00 p.m.

At the Karni termioal, same 500 Palestinian trucks lined up after rumors spread that the drivthrough to Israel.

At the summit yesterday, Ara-"to the extent of famine."

In Nablus, some 1,500 Palestinians led by the mayor protested against the restrictions. Yes banners read.

Meanwhile, a statement signed by six political movements read, Instead of helping to uproot the causes of violeoce and depression, what people feel are continuous threats and humiliation to their national dignity ... The root cause of the bloody violence is the fact that Israel still occupies most of the Palestinian areas.'

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The naval blackade was imposed after israel said it received to peace, no to closure," their waroings that Hamas fugitives might try in slip away by boat.

Disgruntled India fans disrupt game, force abandonment

CALCUTTA (Reuter) - Sri Lanka's joy at reaching their first World Cup final was overshadowed by a bitter Indian crowd yesterday when an explosive Eden Gardens semifinal had to be abandoned because of trouble in the stands.

After India bad slumped to 120 for eight in pursuit of 252 to win, bottles and other missiles rained on to the outfield and forced the players to head for the pavilion. Although they reappeared briefly, it proved impossible to restart the

Match referee Clive Lloyd swiftly carried out his earlier threat to sward the game to the Sri Lankans if the ground authorities could not restore order, and an occasion which should have been one of the tournament's highlights instead passed into history for all the wrong reasons.

The estimated 100,000 crowd had been well behaved for much

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of the day-night encounter, confident their side could overhaul the Sri Laukan total and reach

Sunday's final in Lahore. Instead, from the comfort of 98 for one, wickets began to tumble at an alarming rate against the Sri Lankan spinners and Indian dreams of a World Cup triumph to match their 1983 success in England had vanished even before

the bottles started flying.

There was no immediate comment from the tournament's Pakistan-Indin-Lanka organizing committee (PILCOM) on the crowd trouble.

The discontent in the stands was sparked by India's dramatic midinnings collapse which saw them lose seven wickets for 22 runs inside 12 overs, including two agonizing video decisions that required the third umpire's inter-

The first was the key loss of

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threatening to win the match comfortably in company with Sanjay Manjrekar during a second-wicket stand of 90.

He was sniartly stumped by Romesh Kaluwitharann for 65 in the 23rd over, having become the first man in the tournament to pass 500 runs, and his team mates proved unable to absorb the bluw.

The higgest irony of all was the identity of Sri Lanka's most destructive bowler. Sanath Jayasuriya finished with three for 12 and also took two catches to turn around a match which began abysmally for Sri Lanka when he and Kaluwitharana were both dis-

missed in the first four balls. Sri Lanka, whose in-form batsmen had gone on run sprees in previous games, ended up with a

total that looked he about 20 runs short of causing India real con-cern. It turned out to be more than

Man-of-the-match Aravinda de Silva was briefly on target to smash the record for the fastest World Cup century of 82 balls until he perished for a superh 66

Most of the Sri Lankan middleorder chipped in to help the score

Roshan Mohanama showed great determination during his 58. needing a runner as he buttled cramp and dehydration before finally retiring to the dressing room in the 38th over.

Captain Arjuna Ranatunga played sume sublime late cras on his way to 35.

### Waugh set for semifinal despite injury

and it was heavily strapped during yesterday's practice.

Although they were in the nets side by side, Australia and West

Indies were giving little away.

Both captains, Mark Taylor and Richie Richardson, said they would not be announcing their teams until shortly before the start of the semifinal at the SAS Nagar stadium.

No major changes are expected in either side, although Australia must be concerned at the ease with which the New Zealand batsmen scored against all their bowlers when making 286 for nine in the

## STEVE Wangh is expected to be fit for Australia's World Cup day-

night semifinal today against West Indies despite nursing an injury on the eve of the match.

Key middle order batsman Waugh injured his ankle during the quarter-final win over New Zealand in Madras, India, on Monday.

### March Madness is in the air

ANYBODY out there selling a used TV? With the NCAA tournament starting, we're looking for about three extra sets to set up around the house so we can catch all the action, which begins

This is no time to catch up on your sleep, so plan ahead. Super Channel is already touting its coverage, so far scheduled for Saturday morning at 4 a.m., midnight Saturday night and on Sunday at 6 p.m. and midnight. (Check on-screen schedules to be sure of times!)

Sports Channel's out to do them one better, offering the NCAA's at 10:30 p.m. Friday night and then a Saturday schmorgasbord featuring action at 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m. and, finally, live coverage of Doron Sheffer and UConn vs. the winner of the Duke/Eastern Michigan game, assuming Sheffer & Co. advance past Colgate in the first round.

And don't forget Prime Sports now Star Sports - who offered feeds of the CBS broadcasts last season. Clearly it's time to go beavy on the caffeine and get some toothpicks for your eyes to prepare for March Madness.

WE warmed up for what's ahead by calching two big college games this week, first Georgia Tecb-Wake Forest from earlier this season, and then Doron Sheffer and Connecticut vs. Georgetown in the Big East Final. While the action was topnotch, the broadcasts left a good deal of room for improvement.

Particularly irksome was the first game, an ESPN broadcast ARYEH DEAN COHEN

handled by Oded Mazour for Sports Channel. Mazour actually was pretty impressive -he seemed to he well-versed in college hoops, and his delivery was smooth. It was the ESPN announcers who grated on our nerves, especially their umpteen repetitions of bow Georgia Tech freshman guard Stephon Marbury is "mature beyond his years, baskethall-wise."

Even more annoying was their tendency to overstate the obvious. After Tech narrowed the score to 54-53, one of the ESPN broadcasters pointed out. "A basket by Georgia Tech here could ignite the crowd!" With such silliness coming over in English, Mazour can hardly be blamed for bobbling Tim Duncan's foul shooting stats: hile ESPN made it 2-6, Mazour insisted: "He's I for 5 from the line."

However, it's unclear just who's responsible for the worst gaffe of the game: with Tech up 64-61, there was a struggle for a loose ball, and Wake Forest got possession with just a few seconds to play. Time out was called, but the next thing we saw, Tech had the ball underneath their own basket and the score was 64-63! We never got to see that last Wake Forest basket.

Cutting down the innumerable NCAA contests to fit a one-hour omeslot isn't so bad if it's done correctly, but Sports Channel should be more careful about making sure the most important

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moments aren't lost sumehow. The Connecticut game was also exciting, with Opher Shelach and Ronen Gorevitch in the studio for Sports Channel, which deserves credit for getting the game on the air - 3 p.m. Sunday - so soon after

it was played, ESPN's Dick Vitale may not be everyone's cup of tea, but we enjoy his enthusiasm, as when he instructed Connecticut center Travis Knight to "Shoot it! Shoot it! Shelach was on target as always, especially while nointing out that an air-ball by G-town's Alan Iverson "missed all of Madison Square Garden, and landed somewhere on 34th

Vitale's partner was good until the end, when he should have First he noted that Connecticut freshman guard Ricky Moore "is doing a little bit more," then pointed out that Connecticut reserve Curt King bad come to the forefront with his late effort, "but who will be the pawn when it's all over?" Even Vitale couldn't handle that one, suggesting his partner might apply for a job as a writer for David Letterman or Jay Leno. Here's boping ESPN announcers have gotten all the extra hype and bad puns out of their systems in the run-up to the Final 64. NBA fans should be ndvised that CNN's fine This Week in the NBA can be caught in a double dose, at 7:30 p.m. ly different version, at 7:3tt a.m.

The earlier show runs down Saturday night action and previews what's ahead Sunday, while the morning show reviews Sunday's games and highlights. Features - such as this week's profile of Bullets Romanian 77 center George Muresan are repeated in the morning show. Basketball fans of all types shouldn't miss The Story of a Gane, Sports Channel's new feature being a channel and factors. ture being aired right at 7:45 Monday nights, right before the National Basketball League game of the week.

The feature program focuses on one particularly memorable game in basketball history, with this pasi week's show taking a look at the controversial 1972 Olympic finals, in which the US lost to the USSR after officials twice awarded the Russian squad three extra

Not only did the producers track down players from both sides. they also provided some interesting trivia, such as the fact that Alexander Belov, who scored the "winning" basket for the Russians, eventually died in a Soviet jail where he was incarcerated for smuggling in jeans.

We're not quite sure of the date on this package. however, since a feature on international players in the NBA included lengthy quotes from the late Drazen Petrovich, with no mention of the fact that he had been killed in a car crash a few years ago. Still, based on the first program. Sports Channel deserves an A for this pick-up.



### Winning streaks end for **Utah and Orlando**

NEW YORK (AP) - Bad night to take the court with a seven-game

The Urah Jazz and the Orlandu Magic both had their seven-game strings emphatically snapped Tuesday night on the road.

The Jazz sustained its must lupsided loss of the season, 115-89 to the Atlanta Hawks, and the Magic lost 110-93 at Denver as the Nuggets prevented Orlando from winning four straight road games for the first time in team history.

"It seemed like we didn't care that we've only got a one-game lead in the division. Jeff Hornacek said of the Midwest Division race, which is now a dead heat between Utah and San Antonio, "We didn't have a full effort. You don't just show up in the NBA and expect to win."

Orlando has no such problem in its division, but its lead could slip the rest of its five-game road trip goes as poorly as the first game did. The Magic fell behind by 21 in the third quarter and never got closer than 11 after that.

Denver put aside the controversy over Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's suspension andplayed one of its best games of the season.

Bryani Suth scored 23 points and rookie Antonio McDyess 19 as the Nuggets knocked off the cold-shoot-

ing Magic.

Before the game, Ahdul-Rauf was suspended without pay by the NBA for not standing during the national anthem, a violation of a league rule. Abdul-Rauf, who converted to the Islamic faith in 1991, cited religious

"The league had to make a stand and Mahmoud has his beliefs," Suth said. "You have to respect both sides. Somehow we were able to go out on the court and have fun tonight." Spurs 106, Warriors 98
San Antonio moved into a tie atop

the Midwest Division by winning its severah in a row.
David Robinson went 18-for-20

from the foul line and scored 28 points, and Chuck Person made three 3-pointers in the last 3:40. San Antonio hit 32 of 37 free throws, while Golden State went to the line 25 times, making 15.
Vinny Del Negro added 18 points

and Sean Elliott had 17 for the visiting

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Spurs. Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 99. Rod Strickland had 23 points and 12 assists for the visiting Blazers, whohave won three in a row after losing

10 of their previous 12.

Strickland's jumper and two free throws, followed by Clifford Robinson's 17-footer, put the Blazers in from for good at 98-97 with 1:51 left. Ardydas Sebonis sank two free throws and scored on a putback off throws and scored on a putback off throws Crant's missed jumper to give Harvey Grant's missed jumper to give Portland a five-point cushion with 41.5 seconds left. Heat 125, Mavericks 118

Miani won its fourth in a row and sent Dallas to its fourth straight loss. Alonzo Mourning had 40 points and 13 rebounds and Rex Chapman hit two key 3-pointers down the stretch.

The visiting Heat moved a half-game ahead of Charlotte for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Phoenix 98, New Jersey 88 Philadelphia 118, Toronto 110 Atlanta 115, Utah 89 Mianni 125, Dallas 118 Deaver 116, Orlando 93 Portland 105, L.A. Lakers 99 San Antonio 106, Golden State 98

### Barcelona sweeps to Final Four in Euro hoops

Other three series extended to decisive game today

BARCELONA swept to the Final Four with a decisive 96-66 victory over visiting Ulker Istanbul, the second straight rout over the Turks in the best-of-three European Club Championship quarter-linals.

The other three series all went to the third and decisive game, which will be played today.

Barcelona huilt up a 53-34 advantage to breeze to their fifth Final Four appearance in the past eight seasons. The team has won 10 straight European games and appears to be the favorite to capture its first title and throw off its "always the bridesmaid" label.

Andres Jimenez led the Spaniards with 24 points, while Salvador Diez had 14 and Manuel

chipped in with 13 each. 105-77,

trounced Real 68-49. The Spaniards jumped out to a 41-

Real then extended the lead to 14 points before Olympiakos, which lost to Real in last season's championship game, stormed back to cut the margin.

BRIAN FREEMAN

Benetton Treviso 83, Panathinaikos 69
Henry Williams scored 23 points to propel Treviso to a home victory that notted up the series at 1-1.

> imable to mount a comeback. Dominique Wilkins paced the Greeks with 25 points, while Stojan

> Vrankovic chipped in 14. Zeljko Rebraca contributed 17 points for the Italians.

CSKA Moscow 104, Pau-Orthez 89 The Russians rebounded from a defeat in France in Game 1 to post an impressive victory and send the series to the rubber match.

Vassili Karassev led CSKA, which jumped out to a 52-40 halftime advantage, with 23 points on the night. Pau-Orthez was paced by Antoine Rigaudeau with 20 points.

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Bosch and Anuras Karnisovas For Ulker, which lost Game 1 at Charles Shackleford was the high scorer

with 18 points. Real Madrid 80, Olympiakes 77 Real Madrid kept alive its hopes of repeating as European champions with a home win over the Greeks. In Game I in Athens, Olympiakos

31 halftime advantage behind a superb 21-point, nine rebound performance from Joe Arlauckas in the period.

Panathinaikos, which has made the Final Four the past two seasons, fell behind 45-34 at the half and was

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### Erlich in quarter-finals

### HEATHER CHAIT

EYAL Erlich, third seed for the third stage of the Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Jaffa beat Nir Welgreen yesterday to reach the quarter-finals. The score was 6-0, 7-

Raviv Weidenfeld, who won two rounds in the two previous stages of the satellite, beat Slovakian Martin Hromec 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and will next play the top seed Ignacio Truyol from Spain. Truyol, who won the second leg

of the satellite, beat Amir Hadad 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Second seed, Bing Pan from

China, was knocked out by Kevin

Ullyett from South Africa 6-2, 6-

in today's remaining second round matches: Noam Behr plays Milan Turkovic (Slovakia), Lior Mor plays Adolf Musil Czech (Republic). Noam Okun plays Lars Johnsson (Sweden), Harel Levy plays Jocelyn Robichaud (Canada).

In the women's tournament in Jaffa, top seed Hila Rosen, Shiri Burstein and Nataly Cahana have reached the quarter-finals. Rosen will play Burstein and Cahana will play second seed Anna Linkova from Russia.

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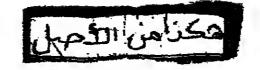
Luxembourg rugby squad to visit Israel
The Israel Rugby Union will host Luxembourg next month in an

international fixture -the first such event in this country. The game is organized by the French-based Federation International de Rughy Amateur. The match will be played April 7th in Herzliya at 3 pm. For additional information, call 09-422620. Post Sports Staff

Chelsea, Manchester City draw 1-1 Manchester City, trying to avoid relegation, picked up an important away point in a 1-1 draw Tuesday at west-London club Chelsea. Ruud Gullit gave Chelsea a 1-0 lead in the 23rd minute. Nigel Clough equalized for City in the 42nd minute.

Killer of Jordan's father gets life sentence Jurors sentenced a man to life in prison instead of death for killing Michael Jordan's father because they weren't sure he pulled the trigger, the jury forewoman said, The jury deliberated nearly 31/2 hours before reaching the verdict Tuesday for Daniel Andre Green, who was convicted February 29 in

the murder of James Jordan. NHL - Tuesday's results Washington 9, Vancouver 0; Detroit 5, Winnipeg 2; Calgary 4, St. Louis 2.



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The Royal Ballet's Darcey Bussell is among the subjects of a weekend of television programs devoted to the London-based company. THEATER Richard the Lionhearted. HELEN KAYE Chopin and Schnittke.

MONODRAMA means one actor alone on stage. Tonight there's five of them, as TheaterNetto 1996 gets under way at Suzanne Dellal with Dyora Bertonov's Sackful of Longing at 5 in the Inbal Theater followed by Middle Age with Idit Tepperson at 8 and 10.

It's the same times for Evensong with Albert Amar in the Dellal Theater, Shimon Ben-Ari's Oedipus in the Sky in Yaron Yerushelmi and Tahal Ran in Where's Ruthi? in the Little Hall et 8 p.m. and midnight. TheaterNetto continues on Friday and Saturday with the rest of the 12 plays.

### DANCE

HELEN KAYE

BAT DOR premieres Hedim, by Israeli choreographer Domy Reiter-Sofer with Chen Zimbelista on percussion, and Lunaris, by Romanian choreographer Gigi Caciuleanu. Tonight at the Noga Theater in Jaffa at 8:30 p.m.

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

CHRISTOPHER Page and his Gothic Voices make their local debut as part of the Authentica earlymusic series tonight at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem and Saturday at the Noga Theater in Jaffa (8:30). The Gothic Voices specialize in music from the medieval period, and

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their program will focus on music from the time of

Pianist Boris Berman presents a recital tonight (8:30 p.m.) at the Israel Music Conservatory io Tel Aviv, playing selections by Haydn, Debussy,

Amir Katz plays a piano recital Saturday (8:30 p.m.) at the Tel Aviv Museum, performing music by Faure, Schumenn, Scriabin and Mozart.

#### **TELEVISION**

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

BALLETOMANES, get ready. In the next three days you won't want to move from your relevision sets as the Discovery Channel presents a Royal Weekend in preparation for the local tour of London's Royal Ballet in June.

Today's program opens at 10 p.m. (repeats tomorrow at 6 p.m. and Seturday 10:30 p.m.) with Two Bollerinas, a look at young stars Viviana Durante and Darcey Bussell, Then et 11 p.m. (repeat tomorrow at 7 p.m.), you can see the company's most exalted star, Eric Mahmudov.

For those who want to have a taste of the real thiog, you can enjoy on the Discovery Channel the Royal Ballet's stunning full-length production of The Sleeping Beauty (tomorrow at 9:.30 p.m. and Seturday et 3 p.m.), as well as Kenneth MacMillan's Winter Dreoms (based on Chekhov's Three Sisters) et 11:45 p.m. today, and tomorrow at 8 p.m. And those wishing to see Mukhamedov and Durante dance in tandem can catch the production of Mayerling (Saturday at 11 p.m.). Tickets to the Royal Ballet's performances of Swan Lake in June in Caesarea will be drawn during these screening of these programs.

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### **TELEVISION**

WHAT'S ON

E CHANNEL 1

8:30 News in Arabic 8:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

**EDUCATIONAL TV** 

8:00 The Cairo Geniza 8:30 Reading comprehension 8:45 Society 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Art 10:50 English 11:15 Literature 11:40 Science 12:30 Math in daily life 12:45 You can say everything in it—film on the birth of modern Hebrew 13:30 Stones about animals 13:40 Our friends — cartoon series 13:45 Kitty Cat end Tommy 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:30 Basketball championship semifinal

#### CHANNEL 1

16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap - To pop culture 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Current Affairs 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Culture magazine - hosted by Yael Dan 21:35 Grease (1978) - Spirited musical which has its beginnings in e summer romance between two highschoolers. Energetic performances are given by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. (111 mins.) 23:30 News magazine 24:00 Verse of the

#### ■ CHANNEL 2

9:00 Special broadcast from Sharm e-Sheikh and on President Clinton'e visit 17:30 News megazine with Rafi Reshef 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Money Magazine 20:50 Candid Camera with Yigal Shilon 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Exposure – Investigative journalism 24:00 News 00:05 Ticke journalism 24:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two — culture magazine 00:30 Gallowglass (1992) — three-part miniseries based on the book by mystery writer Ruth Rendell 1:35 Roe vs Wade (1989) — Based on e true story of a US Supreme Court upholding the right of a woman to heve an abortion. Starring Gregory Hoblit, Holly Hunter and Amy Madigan (100 mins.) 3:10 Poem of the Day

#### JORDAN TV

13:00 Firemen Sam 13:10 Disney's Aladdin 13:30 The Legends of

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#### MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Ten Little Indians (1966) – Agatha Christie's mystery about 10 people trapped in a castle who are murdered one by one. Starring Hugh O'Brian, Shirley Eaton and Wilfred Hyde-White (92 mins.) 16:30 Dennis the Mensce 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Hawaii Five-O 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight: Arabic 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Evening Shade 21:30 Jake and the Fatman 22:20 Law and Order 23:10 Tha 700 Club 24:00 Special Program 14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Ten Little

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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

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18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 New broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 New York News (1995) - series set in a New York newspaper 21:40 1 Love You To Death (1990) - comedy starring Kevin Kline, Tracey Ullman, River Phoenix, Keanu Reeves and Victoria Jackson about e womanizing pizzeria owner whose wife tries to murder him when she finds out. (93 mins.) 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensiva 1:25 Knots Landing 2:10 Woman without e Past Landing 2:10 Woman without e Past - drama 3:05 Dempsey end Makepeace 3:50 Counter Espionage

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#### ■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 The Casbah - Indian film (110

mins.) 12:30 Les Vacances de M. Hulot (1953) (rpt) 13:55 The Entertainers (1991) (rpt) 15:25 Four Musketeers (1975) (rpt) 17:15 Daddy (1987) (rpt) 18:50 Special program about Emma Thompson's letest film 19:20 Split Decision (1988) — Gene Heckman end Jennifer Beals star In this violent family drame about boxing (91 mins.) 21:00 Dream Man (1994) — suspense drame starring Andrew McCarthy and Bruce Greenwood about e tough investigator who uses her telepathic power to catch crimi-nals (93 mins.) 22:35 Grave Secret (1992) - frightening drama about a family that moves into a house and discovers it is built over an ancient Indian grave that is cursed. Starring Patty Duke (90 mins.) 1:05 Å Dangerous Woman (1993) (rpt) 2:50 Men (1985, West German) — comic love triangle (94 mins.) (rpt) 4:25 No Fear of Heights: short film 5:40 Martial Law (1991) (rpt)

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#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Man Facing Southeast (1986, Argentine) - drama about a staff psychiatrist with an unusual new psychiatrist with an unusual new patient who claims he is an allen and possesses strange powers. Starting Lorenzo Cuinteros (103 mins.) 23:50 Where the Green Arits Dream (1984, German) — drama about a group of Australian aborigines who must fight e mining company to save their sacred land (96 mins.)

#### ■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Hunters 13:00 Future Quest 13:30 Connections 14:00 Open University 16:00 Hunters 17:00 Future Quest 17:30 Connections 18:00 Open University 20:00 Great Castles of Europe 20:30 Fields of Armor 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Wild Film 22:00 Two Ballerinas 23:00 Portrait of Irek Mukhe 23:45 Winter dreams 00:45 Open University

#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Science and technology magazine 17:15 Royal Tears 18:00 NBA magazine and Inside Stuff 19:30 News In Arabic 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekesset 21:15 Doctors Telk 21:45 Fitzcarraldo (1982) – Fascinating and vivid portrait of a man pos-sessed, who's determined to capture a shipping route on the Amazon. Directed by Werner Herzog, starring Klaus Kinski and Claudie Cardinale 24:00 Closedown

#### ■ ETV 2 (23)

14:30 Live sport 17:00 Gulliver'e Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jewish Mysticism 18:30 Female Perspective 19:00 Zero Hour (rpt) 19:30 Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtles) 20:30 Preparation for Bagrut – reeding comprehension 21:00 Zombit Business 21:30 Food for Thought - five-part nature and science series 22:00 70 Faces 22:30 Spirited Talk - The Cairo Geniza

#### SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today: International Magazine 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 NBC News 22:30 ITN News 23:00 NCAA Basketball 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

#### STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 6:30 Clao Italie 7:00 El TV 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Ciao Italia 12:30 El TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turties 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 The Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M\*A\*S\*H 16:30 Bloopers and Practical Jokes 17:30 The X-Files 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 Beverly Hills 90210 21:30 Fall Guy 22:30 Entertainment Tonight 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans

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Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 NBA Basketball; Orlando vs Denver 18:00 Soccer 19:15 Eurosport 21:00 WWF Wrestling 22:00 Dutch Soccer League 23:00 Spanish Soccer League 00:30 College Basketball

#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Show Jumping — World Cup from Germany 10:30 Euroski Magazine 11:00 Show Jumping — World Cup from Sweden 12:30 Grand Prix Auto Racing 13:00 PGA Golf Tournament live 15:00 Free-styla skiing — World Cup from Sweden 16:00 Snooker 18:55 Sports News 19:00 Ski Jumping — World Cup from Sweden 20:00 Boxing 21:00 Sumo Wrestling 21:55 Sports News 22:00 ATP Tennis live

#### **PRIME SPORTS**

8:00 Show Jumping — World Cup from California 7:00 Omega Golf Tournament 8:00 Tennis — Nokla Grand Prix Finals 10:00 Cricket — World Cup, eeml-final highlights 11:00 Cricket — World Cup, semi-finals 19:00 German Soccer 19:30 Golf 22:30 Motorsports Magazine 23:30 German Soccer 1:00 Bicycle Racing 2:00 Show Jumping — World Cup from California 3:00 Omega Golf Tournament 4:00 German Soccer 4:30 Cricket

#### **■ BBC WORLD**

News on the hour 6:00 World Headlines 8:05 Rough Guide to the Americas 10:05 Naked Hollywood 11:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motor World 14:05 Horizon 15:15 World World 14:05 Horizon 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia Pacific 16:25 The Andrew Neil Show 17:05 Rough Guide to the Americas 18:30 Time Out: Film '96 19:15 World Business Report 19:30 Time Out: O.E.D. 22:05 Correspondent 23:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 00:10 World News and Business Report

#### **ECNN INTERNATIONAL**

News throughout the day 6:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneyline 9:30 World Report 10:30 Entertainment Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 Larry King Live 1:00 World Business Today Update 1:30 World Sport

#### RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Beethoven: Egmont Overture; Mozart: Cassation in G K63; Brahms: Violin concerto in D; Liszt: Sonata in B minor (Cherkassky);
Mahler: Symphony no 1 12:00 Noon
with Gideon Hod – familiar music
and quiz 14:06 Encore 15:00 Voice
of Music magazine 16:00 Antoine
Forqueray: Suite in G minor arr for
cello (orig for viola da gamba and
basso continuo) (Leonhardt); Haydn:
String quartet on 42 (Solomon Ot): String quartet op 42 (Solomon Qt); Beethoven: sonata no 6 for piano and violin op 30/1 (Bay, Heifetz); Kodaly: Serenade for 2 violins and viola op 12; Falla: 7 Popular Spanish Songs 18:00 New CDs - Mahler: Symphony no 9 (Philhamonia/Sinopoli) 20:05 Before the Concert 20:30 From Our Concert Halls – live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem.
Authentica, Concert no 3. Gothic
Voices – hymns by anonymous composers of the Crusader period. After
the Concert – Sainte-Colombe: concert pieces for 2 violas da gamba 23:00 From the Record Shelf

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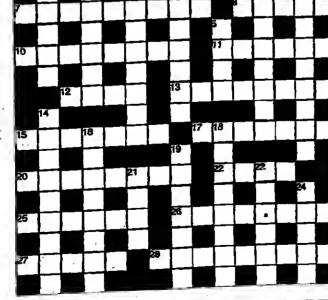
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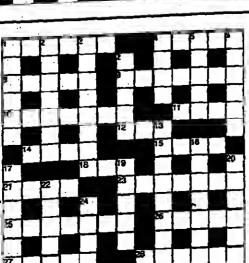
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# Knesset breaks for Pessah Chinese military

THE 13th Knesset, which begins its Pessah recess today, will be remembered above all as the Knesset which witnessed the policial assassination of the prime minister, Speaker Shevah Weiss said vesterday Shevah Weiss said yesterday.

Weiss told parliamentary reporters he had noted a change for the hetter in the House following the assassination. MKs showed more self-restraint and discussions were not interrupted as much as before, when speeches by Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres were often

Weiss disputed the popular perception that the current Knesset was the stormiest in the country's history. Although it was one of the most ideological because of the peace process, the public's impression is mistaken and stems largely from the greater media attention it received, Weiss said. The Knesset was also influenced by the primary election system in the major parties, which encouraged MKs to gain as much media coverage as possible, he said.

The 13th Knesset was marked by more par-

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liamentary activity than its predecessors, par-ticularly private members' hills, which increased to 3.523, or 138.7 percent more than the 12th Knesset. Altogether, 395 laws were passed; 99 no-confidence motions defeated; ,659 parliamentary questions heard; and

15,932 speeches made in the plenum. This Knesset holds another record: the greatest amount of splintering among the factions.
Although the 13th Knesset started in
December 1992 with 10 parliamentary factions, it ended with 20, seven of which com-

Moledet and Tsomet were particularly note-worthy for what Weiss called "the Givat Ram Wandering Phenomenon." Of the three MKs who broke away from Tsomet to form Yi'ud, only Energy Minister Gonen Segev officially remains a Yi'ud MK; Deputy Housing Minister Coldforb and Deputy Speaker prise just one MK. Minister Alex Goldfarb and Deputy Speaker Esther Salmovitz formed a new faction, Atid,

and are each running with different parties in the coming elections.

Only Moledet leader Rehavam Ze evi remains in his faction since Yosef Ba-Gad hroke away to form an eponymous faction and Shaul Gutman left to create Yemin Yisrael.

The Knesset is due to return to work April 29, a month before the general elections. Some committees will continue to hold meetings during the recess and special sessions could take place at the government's request or to hear second and third readings of some private members' bills should committee heads insist.

The session should have lasted another week, hut Weiss cut it short due to the near total absence of MKs in the plenum during the

primary election campaigns.

The situation reached "the height of surrealism, in Weiss's words, when seven bills passed Tuesday night while only two MKs were present: Weiss in the Speaker's chair and Finance Comminee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor), who presented the hills.

### Suspects in alleged bus scam out on bail

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YISRAEL Stockman and Eli Yaffe, suspected of running a massive huses-for hribes scam involving buses from Germany sold to the Egged cooperative, were released on hail by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge George Kara yesterday. Kara slammed police for only investigating the affair years late.

The twu were arrested on Monday hy National Fraud Squad detectives.

Yaffe, fil, of Jerusalem, a former senior manager of Egged. reported the multi-milliun dollar scam to police several years ago. He offered to turn state's witness in the affair, but police refused tu agree tu his terms.

Stockman, 68, of Haifa, has been the managing director uf Kalmohil, which imports Mercedes vehicles, since 1975 and is a shareholder of Kalmotor Miller, a representative of Mercedes vehicles, since 1963. police told the court.

He is suspected of contacting a number of senior Egged employ-ees over several years and offering them bribes to purchase hundreds of Mercedes buses from Germany. Under questioning, said police, he admitted contacting Egged officials but denied offering or

paying bribes. He was released on NIS 250,000 bail and his passport was confiscated. Yaffe was a senior employee at Egged from 1970-1985 before net-

ing as one of the cooperative's subsidiary managers until 1988, when he retired. During these years, said olice, he is suspected of accepting millions of dollars in bribes from Kalmobil in return for arranging to purchase hundreds of buses. According to police, Yaffe

deposited the bribe money in Swiss bank accounts and also conspired with other senior Egged employees to purchase the buses. He is refusing to cooperate with police, said bis lawyer, Yair Golan.

Police said other Egged employees will be questioned, which was initially launched undercover

some time ago.
In placing Yaffe under house arrest and setting hail at NIS 250,000, Judge Kara slammed fraud squad detectives for only questioning suspects now, when they were fully aware of allega-

tions some four years ago. "If the suspect [Yaffe] wished to disrupt the investigation, he has had four years to do so," said Kara.

## warns US over Taiwan

News agencies BEIJING

CHINA sent fighters screaming down the Taiwan Strait day and blasted its arch-enemy Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui as a dictator in a relentless campaign to crush any hopes among islanders for independence.

for independence.

Beijing's words and war games, intended to intimidate Taiwan's 21 million people before their first democratic presidencial elections this month, sparked a stern US response with an armada sent to the region.

Chinese military leaders warned that US involvement in the dispute with Taiwan will inflame the problem and vowed to chase off any US ship that enters Chinese waters.

The warnings were delivered by Chinese army, navy and air force generals gathered in Beijing for a session of China's parliament.

Their comments were carried vesterday by Wen Wei Po. a pro-China newspaper in Hong Kong that Beijing often uses as a mouthpiece.

The newspaper said the generals characterized Chinese military exercises off Taiwan as "normal" and warned foreign nations not to interfere.

It quoted Lt. Gen. Wang Hongfu of the 2nd Artillery Corps as saying. "The situation will not get any tenser as long as America does not become involved in the

Taiwan question." Taiwan's defense ministry said is had detected more than 30 groups of Chinese warplanes and 10 warships un exercises in the narrow strait dividing the island from the mainland, which claims

it as a province. Hong Kong newspapers bave said the Corps includes guided missile units and is involved in China's war games, which started last Friday with three missiles fired on to Taiwan's doorstep. A fourth missile was fired yesterday.

Another army leader, Maj. Gen. Zhang Chuanmiao, said the chances of an open conflict break-ing out between China and Taiwan "depend on whether foreign forces interfere and depend on Lee Tenghui," Wen Wei Po said.

Before dawn, the People's Liberation Army fired a fourth unarmed M-9 missile into waters just to the west of Taiwan's main southern port of Kaohsiong, the ministry said.

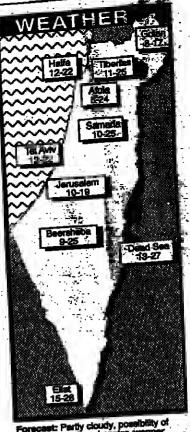
"I can hear the sound of artillery every day," a resident of the southeastern port of Xiamen in Fujian province, facing Taiwan, said hy telephone. "It makes me quite nervous."

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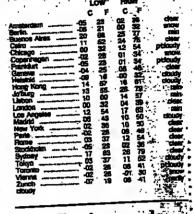
The missile tests end tomorrow and the live-fire exercises involving the navy and air force are to finish just three days before Taiwan goes to the voting booths on March 23.

In Taiwan, newspapers reported the first suicide related to rising fears ignited by the Chinese war games just off Taiwan's coast.

The streets of Taipei were filled with rush-hour traffic and businesses opened as usual, but news reports said jittery foreign workers were considering giving up well-paid jobs and fleeing the island.



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### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, king of bearts, ten of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

### Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, and Eastern Jerusalem Development Company bead Amnon Lorch. Yisraelovich charged in Histadrut fraud affair

An observation point overlooking Jerusalem's Old City and Gethsemane is dedicated yesterday by (from left) Mayor Ehud Olmert, Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land Father Giuseppe Nazzaro,

FORMER Histadrut treasurer Artur Yisraelovich was indicted by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on five charges of fraud and breach of trust, arising from his management of former Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar's 1992 Labor Party

Knesset primary campaign. Although Yisraelovich was not officially employed by the organization which managed Kessar's campaign, he was de facto responsible for finances, the indictment said. Yisraelovich had complete control of all income and expenses of the organization, and nothing was done without his go-ahead. according to the indictment.

Kessar had most of his campaign material and propaganda produced by the Histadrut's Mifalei Tarbut Vehinuh company. At the time, Uzi Fassa, (who turned state's witness in the case and was sentenced to six months'

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community service this week) was the company's production and functions manager and was responsible for work orders.

According to the indictment, during the primaries, Yisraelovich asked Fassa to charge different Histadrut departments, using forged invoices, for work carried out for Kessar instead of directly invoicing Kessar's campaign headquarters. The forged invoices, ordered by Yisraelovich, totaled NIS 112,000, according to the indictment.

Yisraelovich, together with others, is also accused of commissioning private investigators Eli Sadeh and Gabi Fisher to organize surveillance on Haim Ramon when he ran in the Histadrut elections in 1994. Some NIS 577,922 was paid to the investigators via another company by the Histadrut.

The invoices issued by the detectives were listed as costs for "consultation fees," and the fact that Histadrut chairman Haim Haberfeld commissioned them to follow Ramon was concealed, the indictment said.

Another charge relates to the period when Yisraelovich was active in the Romanian immigrant organization, financed mostly by the Jewisb Agency and the 1992 During Yisraelovich allegedly ordered the organization to transfer NIS 20,000 to Kessar's headquarters. although such a transaction was illegal, since immigrant organizations are banned by law from donating to political causes.

Yisraelovich is also accused of ordering the Romanian organization to print a letter of support for Haberfeld and paying for its production and circulation, for a cost of NIS 23,000.

## Dole shifts focus to Clinton

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - Fresb from a seven-state sweep uf "Super Tuesday" primaries, Bob Dole was back in Washington yesterday pushing for Republican unity to defeat President Bill Clinton in November's presidential election.

But his most voluble Republican rival, Pat Buchanan, refused to take up Dole's olive branch and indicated he would stay in the race until the party's

August convention. ngust convention.
"Bob Dole bas no ideas, no agenda, no vision," Buchanan said on NBC's Today program. "Into that vacuum, someone is going to move ... Why give up a battle of ideas simply because you're behind in dele-

Buchanan was recognizing Dole's seemingly insur-mountable lead after the voting, in which the 72-year-old Senate majority leader won Republican primaries in Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Oregon.

Dole now has more than two-thirds of the 996 delegates he will need to win his party's nomination at

the Republican convention. At a victory celebration Dole said he boped next week's primaries in four Midwestern states will put him over the top on the delegate count.

"The only Tuesday that will be more super than this one is Tuesday. Nov. 5," the day of the presidential election. Dole told supporters.

To that end, Dole headed for Capitol Hill, telling the New York Times in an interview that it was now "time to go back to work" on the array of issues fac-

ing bim as the Senate majority leader.
"We bave about 80 legislative days left and a lot to do - balanced budget, term limits, line-item veto, Medicare, Medicaid," Dole said. "In this atmosphere, it's going to be difficult to get it done."

House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich, who gave Dole only a tepid endorsement a week ago, urged conservative commentator Buchanan and publisher Steve Forbes to get out of the Republican White House race.
Forbes said after the vote that if he does not win at

least one Midwestern state primary next week, he will probably end his campaign.

Buchanan bas made no such promise, and intimat-

ed that if Dole chooses a vice-presidential running mate at odds with Buchanan's conservative agenda such as retired Gen. Colin Powell - there will be fireworks at the convention in San Diego.

"If Bob Dole sets (the party) on a course to go back to Rockefeller Republicans, be's going to bave a bat-tle at that convention." Buchanan said. But when asked pointedly what Dole's camp

could offer that would make him get out of the race, Buchanan told NBC: "I'm not looking for any

In interview on CBS television, Dole pleaded for party unity. 'I'm not trying to divide the party into the pro-life, pro-choice, black, white, whatever. I believe it's one America, we bave to work together if we're going to be the majority party and if we're going to beat Bill Clinton in November."

### Weissman appeals her conviction

MIRIAM Weissman yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court against her conviction for the attempted murder of her daughter, Natalie. Weissman, who was convicted in a split decision,

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Ina Stessel, and Alex Tenser announced their intentions to run in

"This failure [to unite in the past] burt the Russian immigrants in all of their efforts to enter the Knesset," Sharansky said. "Now the main obstacle has been removed and the goal of uniting bas

the Yisrael Ba'aliya primary on Sunday, saying most of their

members are switching parties.

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argued that the Tel Aviv District Court should not have relied on a report by state pathologist Yebuda Hiss, which said Natalie was strangled. Evelyn Gordon

#### 'S. African officers praised massacre Buthelezi a pawn of apartheid opened state efforts to prove a con-

DURBAN (AP) - A former military intelligence officer testified yesterday that superiors approved his plan for a hit squad to gun down anti-apartheid activists and later praised bim even though women and children were killed. The statements by J.P. Opperman

spiracy involving top apartheid-era officials led to a 1987 massacre of 13 people, mostly women and children, in KwaMakutha township outside Durban. Former Defense Minister Magnus Malan, several of his

leading generals and others. including the alleged attackers. are accused of murder, attempted murder and conspiracy in what is called the "trial of the generals." All have pleaded innocent. They are the most senior officials indicted for alleged political crimes against President Nelson

Mandela's ANC. The attack on the home of ANC-aligned activist Victor Ntuli occurred in the traditional Zulu kingdom, KwaZulu, at the time a hlack-ruled homeland led by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. The ANC

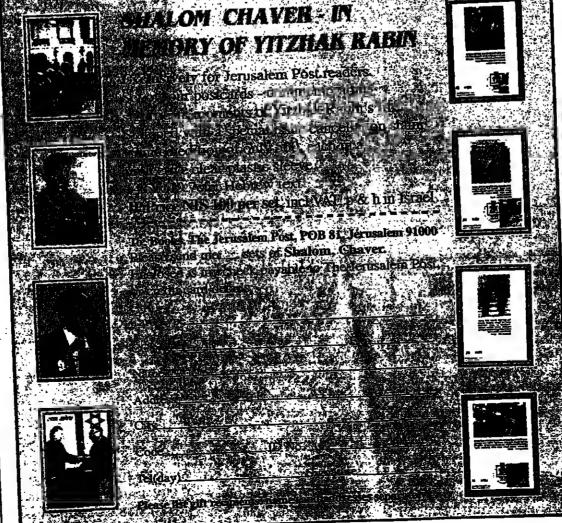
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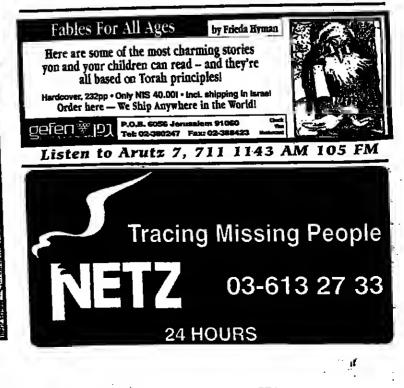
rulers and struggled for control of KwaZulu. Buthelezi sought the military's help to train his own supporters. Part of the cover the story we used was that I was employed by

the KwaZulu government to instruct members of the KwaZulu government in buman relations," Opperman testified. Opperman, a crucial state witness because of his role in the military, said an Inkatha official wbo

is one of the defendants, M.Z. Khumalo, complained to him in 1986 that Inkatha was getting attacked by ANC-linked groups.

Khumalo was under pressure from 206 Inkatha fighters trained by the military to launch counter attacks, Opperman said. The training was done in such secrecy e in neighboring Namibia that the fighters thought they were in







Tsomet approves joint ticket By an overwhelming majority, Tsomet's central committee yesterday approved fielding a joint ticket with the Likud and Gesher. The Likud central committee is due to convene next week and it is unclear bow David Levy's Gesher will ratify the deal. At the Tsomet central committee session, the formation of the new three-way ocket was approved 116:11, with two abstentions. Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan described the agreement as the one way to replace "this disastrous government." Eitan's opponents Sarah Honig decried the loss of Tsomet's independence. Jerusalem woman bears 15th child A 40-year-old Jerusalem woman gave birth to her 15th child at Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday. Bracha Roth bas been giving hirth at Bikur Holim for 21 years, with 14 deliveries (one involving twins). Her eldest daughter, now 21, is married.

Some of the bahies were premature. Thanks to the devoted care of the neonatal department, all of them survived and are well," Judy Siegel Peres chooses new Mossad chief Prime Minister Shimon Peres has decided who will be the next Mossad chief. Peres told reporters on the way to the gathering at Sharm e-Sheikh yesterday that he has chosen the successor to "S.", who is retiring at the beginning of June to become directorgeneral of the Maccabi Health Fund. Peres would neither identify the man nor provide his initials. Russian immigrant parties team up Most members of the Russian immigrant party Aliya are joining Natan Sharansky's party, Yisrael Ba'aliya, according to a statement issued yesterday. Aliya Party leaders Ephraim Melamed,

Jerusalem Post Staff